THE WEATHER

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DEFEAT OF AUSTRIAN ARMY IN SERVIA IS CANDIDLY ADMITTED

While Attributing Failure to Enemy's Superior Forces, as Usual, the Austrian War Office Announces Plainly an Extended Retirement and Heavy Losses—Servians Claim to be Pressing Home Their Victory.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR IN NORTHEHN HUNGARY IS LESS DEFINITELY REPORTED

Austro-German Forces in South Poland and Galicia Encountering Severe Resistance, Says German Wireless Reports—Poland Fast Becoming Another Belgium, in Point of Suffering—No Change in West.

London, Dec. 14.—The most striking feature of the day's official news is the candid admission by the Austrian government of the defeat of the Austrian army in Servia and apparently the abandonment of its third attempt to invade its small Slav neighbor. While attributing the failure to the enemy's superior force, as all government bulletins explain failures, the Austrian war office announces plainly an extended retirement and heavy losses.

"New decisions and measures consequently will be taken to repel the enemy," says the Austrian statement. Apparently that means that the Austrian army directed against Servia will assume a defensive line. The Servians claim to be pressing home their victory with more captures of prisoners and to have driven part of the invading army across the Drina river. Moreover they are reported to have re-taken the capital and say they expect to expel the invaders from Servian territory.

The progress of the war in Northern Hungary is less definite. Sunday's German wireless report, with candor equal to that of the Austrian bulletin, spoke of the severe resistance which the German and Austrian arms are encountering in South Poland and Galicia, adding that it was evident that the Austrian forces in the Carpathians are not strong enough to clear the Russians out of Hungarian territory. The Austrians claim they are driving down the Northern slopes of the Carpathians the Russian invaders who were last week in occupation of several towns south of that mountain range.

Poland is fast becoming another Belgium in point of suffering, while the opposing armies drive each other back and forth, occupy and re-occupy cities and villages and inflict upon the inhabitants bombardments similar to those suffered in Belgium and Northern France.

More than 500 Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts.

Each army accuses the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictures the fate of Kalisz as a repetition of Louvain, with the slaughter of 400 civilians and the sacking of the city.

A distressing feature of the fighting in Poland lies in the fact that blood-kindred are pitted against each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Russian ranks and several hundred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans and Austrians.

The Germans claim a distinct gain in their position in Northern Poland, although they are not believed to be as near Warsaw as the report last week indicated. On the other hand, the Russians announce a strategic re-alignment of their forces which strengthens their positions.

In a late report tonight the Austrians announce that they have re-occupied the important point of Dukla, north of the Carpathians, on a line south of Przemysl and Cracow, but nearer to the former, with the capture of 9,000 prisoners.

The main issue in the Eastern theatre—whether the German and Austrian armies will shake the Russian grip from the Przemysl and Cracow fortresses—remains unchanged.

The day has shown no important developments in the West. The French war office reports artillery engagements in which they had the better of the Germans and small advances, particularly in the neighborhood of Verdun and St. Mihiel, in accordance with General Joffre's famous scheme of "nibbling at them." The German bulletins deny these claims, however.

The Turkish army has not yet asserted itself, nor has it engaged in any great battle. Enver Pasha has taken command of the Caucasian army and Talaat Bey has succeeded him as minister of war. A report comes from Turkey of growing hostility to both foreign and native Christians in that country which may lead to attacks.

TURKISH BATTLESHIP SUNK

Torpedoed by British Submarine in the Dardanelles.

London, Dec. 14.—A communication issued by the official bureau today announced the Turkish battleship Messudieh had been torpedoed by a British submarine.

The Messudieh was a very old boat, having been built at Blackwall, England, in 1874, and reconstructed at Genoa in 1903. In the war with Greece in 1912 the Messudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men.

The official bureau's statement is as follows:

"Yesterday submarine B-11, in charge of Lieutenant Commander Norman B. Holbrook, of the royal navy, entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish Messudieh, which was guarding the mine fields. Although pursued by gunfire and torpedo boat the B-11 returned safely after being submerged, on one occasion, for nine hours.

"When last seen the Messudieh was sinking by the stern."

THE DRESDEN UNDAMAGED

According to Statement by German Embassy at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The German embassy issued a statement today concerning the recent battle between British and German fleets in the South Atlantic, which carried the information that the German cruiser Dresden had reached Punta Arenas undamaged. The Dresden's arrival had been reported to the state department earlier in the day by Consul Latham at Punta Arenas.

The embassy statement reads:

"According to official information eight English cruisers, among them two of the invincible type, took part in the battle off Falkland Islands. The Dresden, which arrived undamaged at Punta Arenas, intercepted a wireless message which stated that the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst were sunk and that the Leipzig was burning. Nothing definite was known about the Nurnberg."

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 14.—The minister of marine has been informed that two British warships have entered the straits of Magellan in pursuit of the German cruiser Dresden, which has taken refuge at Punta Arenas.

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 14.—Dispatches received here from Punta Arenas declare that the German cruiser Dresden has come into that port uninjured.

AUSTRIANS ADMIT DEFEAT

At Hands of Servians, According to Reuter's Correspondent.

London, Dec. 14.—Reutar's Amsterdam correspondent says the Austrians admit defeat at the hands of the Servians in an official communication issued at Vienna today. This communication reads:

"Our offensive movement directed in a southeasterly direction from the river Drina encountered southeast of Valjevo a greatly superior force of the enemy.

"Our advance had not merely to be stopped but we are were compelled also to make more extended retirements of our troops which for many weeks have fought obstinately and brilliantly but with many losses.

"Against this we may place the occupation of Belgrade. A new decision and measures consequently will be taken which will serve to repel the enemy."

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OPEN TRADING IN ALL SHARES TODAY

Significant Move Announced by N. Y. Stock Exchange.

STREET ENTHUSIASTIC

In Restoring Many Shares Not Heretofore Admitted to Open Market, Exchange Shows it No Longer Fears Liquidation.

New York, Dec. 14.—Open trading in all shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange will be renewed at the opening of tomorrow's session. This significant move was announced by the authorities of the exchange in the final hours of today's active and strong market and was received with enthusiasm in the financial district.

In the open list will be included a number of socalled international issues, like Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Great Northern, Canadian Pacific, New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, and other stocks, held to a large extent by foreign banking interests and individual investors. In restoring these shares to the open market, the exchange shows that it no longer fears European liquidation of American securities.

Only two of the many restrictions originally imposed remain operative. The rule of cash shares on all stocks selling at over $15 will be continued and likewise a minimum price list. Exchange officials are of the opinion that these safeguards cannot be set aside so long as the slightest danger of speculative or short selling remains.

Steady Advance in Prices.

Today's session, the first full day since July 30, was characterized by an almost steady advance of prices. The movement embraced all the listed shares of prominence and was especially noteworthy in coppers, which not only made up the bulk of the business, but for the most part scored the greatest gains.

Reading and Lehigh Valley, Northern Pacific and some of the lower priced next in activity and strength were railway stocks. Bonds moved correspondingly and the total exchange of all classes constituted for them a fair average. As if anticipating their return to the open list, the stocks traded in through the clearing house rose 2 to 4 points.

VANDERBILT'S SCHEDULE IS PARTLY COMPLETED

Games With Virginia, Auburn and Sewanee Next Year.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Vanderbilt's football schedule has been partly completed, games having been arranged that Virginia, Auburn and Sewanee, while it is stated that the terms will probably be reached with Tennessee in a few days. On account of the strength of the remainder of the schedule, the commodores will not meet North Carolina.

COTTON EXPORTS MORE THAN HALF THE NORMAL

Germany Receives Only 1,052 Bales in Four Months.

Shipments Abroad for the Last Four Months Nearly Three Million Bales Short, But Better in November.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Germany in the last four months received only 1,052 bales of American cotton; 1,000 bales of which was sent last month, as shown today by census bureau statistics. November's total cotton exports were slightly more than one-half as much as November a year ago, while the shipments abroad during the last four months showed a decrease of 2,801,000 bales.

Cotton used in the United States during November showed a decrease compared with November, 1913, and the quantity of cotton on hand November 30th in independent warehouses was 1,747,000 bales more than at that time last year.

Cotton consumed during November was 430,663 bales, exclusive of linters, compared with 456,356 in November last year, the census bureau announced today. Consumption for the four months ending November 30 was 1,671,378 bales against 1,843,064 last year.

Cotton on hand November 30th in manufacturing establishments was 1,060,785 bales compared with 1,426,638 a year ago, and in independent warehouses 5,008,374 compared with 3,262,714 a year ago. Exports were 760,929 bales against 1,501,259 last year, and for the four months 1,405,049 against 4,206,650 a year ago.

Imports were 13,274 bales against 7,281 last year, and for the four months 67,828 against 28,084 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active numbered 30,441,315 against 30,949,337 a year ago.

Linters consumed was 25,739 bales against 26,242 a year ago; and for the four months 107,509 bales against 111,961 last year; on hand in manufacturing establishments 78,873 bales against 58,823 a year ago, and in the independent warehouses 56,809 against 34,541 a year ago.

Linters exported was 7,267 bales and for the four months 14,064 bales.

NOW TO PUT MONEY IN GROWERS' HANDS

Administration of $135,000,000 Loan Fund Explained.

IN ALL DAY CONFERENCE

Wade-St. Louis Plan Unanimously Approved by Representatives of Cotton States in Conference With Loan Committee.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The $135,000,000 cotton loan fund plan to finance the surplus cotton crop was approved unanimously tonight by Representatives of committees which will aid in handling the fund in Southern States. The representatives held an all day conference with the cotton loan committee which has final supervision of the fund.

The conferences, called for an explanation of the administration of the fund, ended tonight, and most of the State committeemen left for the South to begin active work in putting the fund into the hands of cotton producers.

Although no definite statements were made at the meeting as to how much cash will be drawn from the fund to carry the surplus crop, estimates ranged from $10,000,000 to $70,000,000 and members of the cotton loan committees were confident hundreds of applications for loans would be forthcoming before January 1.

Most of these presented believed that between four or five million bales of cotton must be carried over until next year. It was estimated that about $150,000,000 would be needed to take care of this cotton, and it was the general opinion that unless there is a natural expansion of credit throughout the South, the loan fund will be used to aid cotton producers.

Must Cut Cotton Production.

There was evidence that many of the State committeemen agreed with the idea advanced by officials here that cotton producers next year must cut their cotton production. The cotton loan committee will use every means to convince growers of the necessity of curtailment.

W. P. G. Harding, member of the Federal Reserve Board, chairman of the cotton loan committee, was chief defender of the plan. He explained the provisions that caused criticism and met objections of the committeemen.

The representatives from ten States included:

Moorehead Wright, Arkansas; R. F. Maddox, Georgia; Sol Wexler, Louisiana; Z. D. Davis, Mississippi; Joseph G. Brown, North Carolina; A. C. Trumbuo, Oklahoma; R. G. Rhett, South Carolina; Henry D. Lindsey, Texas; E. L. Rice, Tennessee, and State Senator Milton, Florida.

The cotton loan committee was represented by W. P. G. Harding and Paul M. Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board; J. P. Forgan, of Chicago; Festus J. Wade, of St. Louis; A. H. Wiggin, of New York, and Levi Rheu, of Philadelphia.

CONGRESSMAN KITCHIN WILL HAVE OPPOSITION

Another Candidate for Majority Leader in House.

Finis Garrett, of Tennessee, is in the Race and Has the President's Support, it is Said—Washington News.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The confirmation here today of the report that Finis Garrett, of Tennessee, will be a candidate for cahirman of the ways and means committee majority leader of the House to succeed Oscar Underwood, who goes to the Senate at the beginning of the Sixty-fourth Congress, was the most interesting subject of conversation around the Capitol. Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, is the ranking member of the ways of means committee, and, therefore has been looked upon as Mr. Underwood's successor.

Garrett, it is said, will have the support of President Wilson and that group of Congressmen who have bowed to the President's will and voted for many measures which they did not believe in but cast their vote be-

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TO OPERATE ON THE EMPEROR'S THROAT

London, Dec. 14.—Telegraphing from Berne, Switzerland, a correspondent of the Central News says: "A telegram received here from Munich states it has been decided to operate on Emperor's William's throat but the operation is being defeated owing to the feverish condition of the Emperor."

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RAILWAY IMPUGNS WRIGHT'S MOTIVES

Influenced in Investigation by His Private Interests.

SO MR. THOM INTIMATES

Bristol Man, Under Cross Examination by Counsel for Southern Railway, Admits Connection With Coal Business.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Intimations that his private interests might have influenced Frank C. Wright ,of Bristol, Tenn., in his investigation of the Southern Railway's coal carrying lines were made at today's hearing by the Senate sub-committee which has before it the Southern coal transportation companies.

Alfred Thom, general counsel for the Southern Railway, cross examining Wright, brought out that the committee witness was associated in the coal business with B. L. Dulaney, of Bristol, who charges that the railway has bottled up Southern coal in the interest of the "coal trust." Wright has been on the stand for several days and counsel for Dulaney told the committee they inferred from his testimony that the Southern had bought up "blind end" roads projected towards the coal fields to shut out competition.

In his cross examination, Thom asked Wright if he thought he could advise the committee impartially as its representative, in view of his private interests. Here Chairman Bryan of the committee had put into the record a statement that Wright was engaged to study the question by Senator Tillman, chairman of the Naval committee, before the appointment of a sub-committee to investigate.

Questioned closely, Wright expressed opinion that the "blind end" roads generally had been purchased to restrain coal trade and that nothing could be done to relieve that restraint without the Southern's consent.

"When counsel inquired if the Danville & Western, one of the "blind ends," had not been acquired as a part of the Southern's main line, the witness said he did not criticise that purchase.

"Do you know what it would cost to extend that line to the coal fields?" inquired Mr. Thom.

The witness replied that he had not gone into that question.

Mr. Thom asked if the Atlantic & Danville had not been acquired by the Southern to insure entrance into Norfolk over its own rails, but the witness denied he had any knowledge of what was in the mind of Southern officials at the time of purchase.

"If the Southern had answered letters addressed to it by Senator Tillman asking for reports by Southern officials on the purchase, I might be able to answer," added Mr. Wright.

This remark brought out explanations that the Southern Railway had protested to the sub-committee that the information asked for by Senator Tillman was beyond the scope of the inquiry and that the sub-committee has the protest under consideration.

ECONOMY WATCHWORD IN APPROPRIATIONS

First Big Supply Measure Reported to the House.

Committee Lops Off Nearly Two Million Dollars from Estimates Submitted by Various Departments. Cut in Salaries.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Economy was the watchword of the appropriations committee in the preparation of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, first of the big supply measures, which was reported to the House today. The committee lopped off nearly $2,000,000 from the estimates submitted by the various departments, cutting salary allowances all along the line, and brought in a measure appropriating $28,744,752.50. The bill provides for more than 16,000 salaries of government employes.

The total of the bill shows an increase of $1,128,843 over last year's measure. But this year's measure includes a special appropriation of $2,286,100 and authorizes 1,000 additional employes, for taking the agricultural census authorized by the law covering the last regular census in 1910.

The bill contains the usual provision cutting down the mileage allowance of members of Congress from 20 cents a mile to five cents a mile.

The committee cut $102,260 from the estimates of the Secretary of Commerce for the work of the bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, although an increase of $25,000 over last year's appropriation was allowed for promoting commerce with South and Central America.

BRISBANE SLIGHTLY IMPROVED.

Famous New York Editor Ill in an Atlanta Hotel.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—The condition of Arthur Brisbane, editor of the New York Evening Journal, who is ill at a local hotel, continued to show slight improvement tonight according to his physicians. He is said to be suffering from intestinal disorders following an attack of acute indigestion. Mr. Brisbane became seriously ill here last Friday shortly after his arrival from New York

COAL FROM GOVERNMENT FIELDS IN ALASKA GOOD AS ANY FOR NAVAL USE

Secretary Daniels, All Day Before House Naval Committee, Reports Successful Tests by Cruiser Maryland, Very Gratifying to Department—Explains Needs of the Navy and Answers Numerous Questions

Washington, Dec. 14.—Formal announcement of successful naval tests of coal from government owned fields in Alaska was made today by Secretary Daniels before the naval committee of the House. Trials by the cruiser Maryland, Mr. Daniels said, had demonstrated that the Matanuska coal was as good as any to be found.

The results of this test were particularly gratifying, Mr. Daniels said, because disappointing experiments with coal from the Bering fields a year ago had lessened hopes that the rich deposits in Alaska ultimately would meet all of the government's demands for fuel on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Daniels spent his fourth and last day before the committee, explaining the needs of the navy in connection with the preparations of the annual appropriation bill and answering questions on every phase of the national defense problem.

He told of a proposal for building a half million dollar projectile plant at Philadelphia, in Indian Head, Maryland; admitted that it was no secret in the navy that the supply of shells for the great guns of the battleships was inadequate, and gave his views at length on the retired pay question.

About Submarines.

Captain Winterhalter, the secretary's aid, was questioned about submarines, and had quite an argument with Representative Hobson, of Alabama, over war scares. Captain Winterhalter said he was unable to see the international dangers ahead pictured by Mr. Hobson. Then the congressman told the committee of a "scare" last year that put the American garrison in the Philippines in a state of siege.

"In May and for some months of last year," said Mr. Hobson, "our gunners at Corregidor Island stood at their guns night and day, with plans for a two years' siege. The harbors were mined. Troops from all over the islands were brought into Corregidor and everything prepared for a siege except there was no transfer of the government from Manila. It did not take any vision to see that."

Mr. Hobson did not go into the details as to the cause of these preparations and Captain Winterhalter apparently was not inclined to discuss the subject.

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, continued his efforts during the day to get hearings on his proposed commission investigation of the nation's preparedness for war. He addressed letters to Representative Padgett, chairman of the naval committee, and Representative Hay, chairman of the military committee, asking them to summon war and navy department officials, certain retired army and navy officials and former cabinet members. Mr. Padgett declined to summon former officers or officials, saying that the committee preferred to hear the men now in charge of the government's work.

Secretary Roosevelt, of the Navy department, and Captain Stirling, commanding the Atlantic submarine flotilla, will be before the House naval committee tomorrow.

Daniels' Recommendations.

Three recommendations were made by Secretary Daniels at the afternoon session. There were:

Appointment of all second lieutenants in the navy hereafter as "acting second lieutenants", so that those who do not measure up to requirements after appointment may be dropped.

Graduated system in retired pay of naval officers on the basis of their length of naval service and the extent of their disabilities.

Authority for using part of a $40,000 contingent fund to protect the navy's rights and property on its oil land reserves.

The Secretary said the navy was trying to put its yards on a business basis with industrial managers, trying the plan at New York, Norfolk and perhaps some other plants.

"The Philadelphia navy yard is in excellent shape," he added, "and hasn't as many evils—card systems and other paper work—as they have in some of the other yards. We are going to put a construction officer in charge at the Norfolk yard."

Asked as to his policy regarding officers, trained by the government at great expense, going out of the navy to accept private employment, Mr. Daniels replied that now and then it was better to allow resignations of some indifferent officers, but that it was harder for a first class valuable man to resign than "for a camel to go through a needle's eye."

Declaring the navy had too many officers ashore, the Secretary said: "We should abolish the office of captain of every yard. Every office we can spare should be abolished."

New Naval Dry Dock.

Representative Lee, of Pennsylvania, brought up the proposed new naval dry dock, suggesting that in view of trouble with the site selected at Norfolk it would be better to build a dock at Philadelphia "where the bottom is safe and sure."

"The reason I recommended the building of a dry dock at Norfolk," replied Secretary Daniels, "is because that yard has more docking, more arrivals and departures, than any other yard. I recommended the location at Norfolk; it is for Congress to determine what should be done. The chief docking need of the navy is at Norfolk."

Secretary Daniels was asked if the general board of the navy agreed with him, as to the location of the dock. "We don't always agree," said the Secretary smilingly.

"If the committee desires to place at Philadelphia the large double dry dock—two docks—at the same cost as the 1,000-yard dock at Norfolk, you wouldn't object?" asked Mr. Lee.

"Whatever the bill says is our duty to carry," was the reply.

"Did Captain Grant turn the battleship Texas around in front of the navy yard in the Elizabeth river at the Norfolk navy yards?"

"Yes, he did," was the reply. Mr. Lee was a little skeptical about the Texas turning around in a channel 400 feet wide and 35 feet deep and suggested that maybe it was turned around at Berkley, Va.

Secretary Daniels said it was not the purpose of the Navy Department to maintain marines on the Isthmus in addition to the army. This was in connection with his urgent recommendation that $400,000 of an unexpended appropriation for marine barracks at Panama be equally divided instead at Mare Island and Norfolk.

AT ABERDEEN TOMORROW.

Secretary Houston to Address North Carolina Farmers.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston will leave here tomorrow for Aberdeen where he will deliver a speech Wednesday. Representative Page will meet the Secretary at Aberdeen. P. R. A.

SEVEN CARGOES OF COTTON FOR EUROPE

Savannah ,Ga., December 4.—Seven steamships are now here loading cargoes of cotton destined for European ports. The Norwegian Hermion, which is expected to be the first vessel to sail, will carry 18,000 bales. It was announced tonight. The Hermion will go to Genoa, Italy.

STEAMER WRECKED ON THE COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA

British Isle of Iona Pounding Heavily South of Hatteras, Believed to be Total Loss—Crew of 27 Quartered in Life Saving Station—Revenue Cutter Seminole Summoned to Her Aid from Wilmington.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—Pounding heavily in a surf, the British Isle of Iona which went a shore one mile south of Cape Hatteras inlet before day-break this morning, is tonight believed to be a total loss. Twenty-seven men composing her crew, are quartered in the lifesaving station at Hatteras.

The vessel has 12 feet of water in her hold, and the seas are beating over her decks. Wrecking tugs have gone to the scene with the hope of saving the vessel if possible.

The crew of the Isle of Iona were rescued about 10 o'clock this morning by the lifesavers of Durants Neck, Creed Hill and Cape Hatteras stations. Two powerful surf boats were used and all the men were landed in one trip.

Captain Quack, commanding the Isle of Iona, says his vessel went ashore during a severe storm and defies foe this morning. He did not know he was near the beach until his vessel struck. The seas were high and waves broke all over the ship. She sprang a leak and water penetrated the engine room and extinguished the fires.

Lifesavers saw her signals of distress shortly after she struck, and made attempts to reach her. They succeeded about 10 o'clock.

Revenue Cutter Summoned.

The revenue cutter Seminole, summoned from Wilmington, also went to her assistance.

The Isle of Iona is loaded with iron ore and was bound to Baltimore from Cuba. She was built in 1905, and is owned by the Isle Shipping Company, Lt., of Liverpool.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Isle of Iona was cleared from New York by the Munson Steamship Company. She is owned by the Isle Steamship Company, of New Castle, England.

MAKES CONCESSIONS IN FIRE INSURANCE RATES

Southeastern Tariff Association Notifies State

About All State Insurance Commissioners Agree on Uniform Policy—Social Service Conference in January.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young has received from the Southeastern Tariff Association official notification of material concessions to North Carolina in fire insurance rates in the matter of the general increase in term rates put into effect recently for the entire United States, the concessions being specified in resolutions adopted by the board to be on account of the material advancement that North Carolina has made in the reduction of fire waste, in improvement of fire fighting facilities and inspections and fire precautions observed in cities and towns of the State most especally.

The rule that stirred sharp criticism from the legislative commission to investigate insurance and brought naistance from Commissioner Young that it be modified provided for 20 per cent. reduction for three year terms on metal roof buildings and making reduction also in rate one year on metal roofs. The new rule makes a reduction of 15 per cent. on final rates on shingle roof buildings in towns and 10 per cent. in the conutry. These rulings make the annual rates cheaper by the respective discounts of 15 and 10 per cent., but under the term rule makes the three year rate higher, a 1 per cent. rating getting a basis of $21.25 instead of $20 per thousand. At the same time the annual rate for one year drops to $8.50 instead of $10 with the same proportion in country business.

Uniform Policy.

Commissioner Young, just back from the mid-winter session of the National Convention of State Commissioners of Insurance, says that the association adopted practically the same uniform fire insurance policy that the North Carolina legislative commission recently recommended for the North Carolina Legislature to adopt and that the State commissioners the country over will ask that the Legislatures adopt this policy, which is an improvement over the uniform policy now in force and was really worked out by the uniform policy committee of the national convention, of which Mr. Young is a member.

Advisory Board Meets.

The advisory board of the North Carolina National Guard was in session here today considering especially matters pertaining to compliance in this State with the War Department orders for enlisting companies up to 65 instead of 58 men as the minimum strength and providing the additional equipment necessary, numbers of the companies being already enlisted up to the increased minimum. Affairs generally of the guard were gone into by the board, which consists of Adjutant General Laurence W. Young, Brig. General Royster, Oxford; Col. J. T. Gardner, Shelby; Col. W. C. Rodman, Washington, and Col. S. W. Minor, Durham.

County Demonstration Work.

This is the reason for counties to make their annual appropriations for county demonstration work in cooperation with the State and Federal authorities and numbers of the counties where the great value of the work is already realized and experienced have already made their annual appropriations. Others will make the appropriations in January. The counties that have already taken favorable action are Cumberland, Alamance, Brunswick, Catawba, Edgecombe, Hoke, Lee, Madison, New Hanover, Vance, Warren, Wilson, Wilkes and Yancey. In some instances where the county authorities hesitated about making the appropriations as large and the necessities of the work seemed to require to make it effective, individual farmers enthusiastic over the important of the work, pledged personal support.

Social Service Conference.

President Clarence Poe and members of the executive committee of the North Carolina Conference of Social Service are planning for the third annual meeting of the conference to be held here some time in January. They are seeking to procure a number of speakers of national reputation to deliver addresses in connection with the conference. These will have especially to do with child labor, prison reform, moonlight schools and other progressive means of eliminating adule illiteracy and advancing the social conditions in communites needing this work.

"Pay-Up-Week" a Success.

Raleigh merchants pronounce the "pay-up-week" the city observed last week quite a success in bringing about the payment of many bills that might otherwise have been left open until after the New Year or longer. The "pay-up-week" had the support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association and other organizations of the city.

In Supreme Court.

The appeals from the Twentieth and last judicial district will be called for argument Tuesday morning in the Supreme court, there being 13 cases to be heard. There is one State case, State vs. J. W. Ford, from Cherokee county, in which there is appeal from action of the trial judge in first ordering an entry of not guilty and then changing it to mistrial. The charge is larceny of 5,000 feet of lumber from J. M. English, embezzlement of $50 and obtaining $100 from English by false pretense, the trouble growing out of business relations between the Ford-Fain Lumber Company and the J. M. English Lumber Company.

Appeals to be heard are: State vs. Ford; Passmore vs. Higdon; Phillips & Crews Co., vs. Hyatt; Hoke vs. Glenn; Lumber Co. vs. Furniture Co.; Patton vs. Imstead; Gilmore vs. Smathers; Higdon vs. Howell; Baumgardner vs. Rice; Smith vs. Molman Bros.; Ritter Lumber Co. vs. Montvale Lumber Co.; Patterson vs. Franklin; Pilkington vs. Welch.

Country Club's Problem.

Members of the Raleigh Country Club are wrestling with the problem of adjusting the club finances to increased expenses due largely to bringing into play a full 18-hole golf course and maintaining the cafe feature of the enlarged club house at a loss as has been the case for several months. An increase in the annual club dues and the importation of an expert club steward and chef are two principal changes on foot. The expert steward and chef are already here and has brought out the cafe business of the club wonderfully already and the club membership is to meet in called session Wednesday evening to vote on an increase in the anual membership dues from $25 to $30 The indications are that the increase in dues will be adopted. The new 18-hole golf course is conceded to be one of the very finest to be found anywhere in the country.

Britton's Chances Best.

The definite notice from Congressman Pou at Washington that Candidate C. H. Anderson's insistance that a primary be held here for endorsing one or another of the three candidates for postmaster of Raleigh is of no avail and that no such instrumentality for stirring up strife among the folks here, as Congressman Pou expresses it, will be put off on the community, is having the effect of forcing all three candidates, Anderson, Edward E. Britton and Bart M. Gatling, to systematic effort to secure individual endorsements of their respective candidacies. There is, also, now the definite information that it is the purpose of the authorities at Washington to take up the matter of the appointment of the postmaster right after the New Year. The term of Postmaster Briggs does not expire until February. And, furthermore, that Congressman Pou, Senators Simmons and Overman and Secretary of the Navy Daniels will confer and as nearly as possible agree upon whoever they are to recommend to Postmaster General Burleson and President Wilson for the appointment. As the contest develops the impression grows hereabouts that of the three candidates Editor Britton, of the News and Observer, is the most likely candidate, although both Gatling and Anderson have very strong support. While there is no betting on the outcome, expert opinion is most freely given as believing Britton will land the place.

DETERMINED RESISTANCE IN SENATE CONTINUES.

To Ratification of Safety at Sea Treaty Signed at London.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Determined resistence to ratification of the safety at sea treaty signed at London last winter continued today in the executive session of the Senate. Senator Cummins led the fight in the absence of Senator LaFollette. Opposition now is said to be based chiefly on a clause of the ratification resolution, which, it is claimed, so interprets this treaty as to give authority to foreign governments to control regulations for passengers being brought to American ports on foreign ships. The President is anxious that the treaty be ratified as soon as possible, as the return of the ratification must be made by December 31st.

QUESTION OF HIGHER COST OF LIVING IS OMITTED.

At Federal Arbitration Hearing in Chicago—Admitted.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Counsel for railway engineemen of association roads today omitted the usual questions asked witnesses as to the rise in the cost of living at the Federal arbitration hearing here. The railways concede that the cost has increased since 1910, when the last wage adjustment was made, Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, chairman of the arbitration board, announced. They admit the advance, but demur to the ratio of wage increases the men demand.

Perils of snow slides were told of today at the hearing. Canadian locomotive engineers testified of engines and crews being buried in avalanches.

TRUSTEES MEET WEDNESDAY.

At State School for the Feeble Minded, Near Kinston.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 14.—The trustees of the North Carolina School for the Feeble Minded will meet in the central building at the institution, near here, Wednesday night in annual session. The board is expected to recommend improvements to the school along several lines. Dr. C. B. McNairy, the superintendent, will report very satisfactory progress for the short time the school has been in operation. One new trustee, D. F. Wooten, cashier of the First National Bank of Kinston, will sit with the board. Mr. Wooten succeeded on yesterday Dr. R. N. Cartwright, of Fairfield, Hyde county.

JONES COUNTY HAS A HOMICIDE ON SUNDAY

Sam Mills Shot and Instantly Killed by Heber Frazier.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 14.—Heber Frazier, age 35, shot and instantly killed Sam Mills, age 40, last night in the home of Red Bryant, at Wysts' Fork, Jones county, according to news reaching here today. It is said that Frazier was angry over some offense Bryant had given him and had tried to shoot the latter, but was driven from the house. Returning, he mistook Mills for Bryant and shot him in the back of the head. Frazier escaped.

COLD WEATHER FORECASTED FOR INTERIOR OF FLORIDA.

Temperatures as Low as 26 Promised. Fruit Growers Concerned.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 14.—Forecasts of a temperature as low as 26 degrees in the interior of Florida have caused orange growers to take precautions for the protection of the fruit. Officials of the Florida Citrus Exchange here said tonight that a sustained temperature that low would cause serious damage to the crop.

For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club, 'phone 110, American National Bank.—advertisement. tf

SHELL FOR BLAND FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Dunn Renews Campaign for County of Jarvis

Strong Card Now is That New County Would Take Republican Load from Harnett, Johnston and Cumberland.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 14.—Dr. Charles A. Bland, mayor of Charlotte, is to be North Carolina's next lieutenant governor, if the efforts of his friend and co-worker, Otis P. Shell, of this city, have sufficient weight with the powers that be. Mr. Shell is secretary and treasurer of the Carolina Municipal Association, an organization of North Carolina municipal officials of which Mayor Bland is president, and it was through his close association with him in the work of the association that Mr. Shell formed his high opinion of the Charlottean's ability and merit.

Mr. Shell would not say that Mayor Bland was aware of his intention to place his name before the people, but did say that he was confident his friend could be induced to make the race.

Attorney John C. Clifford, upon whose shoulders has fallen a large part of the burden in the fight for the formation of Jarvis county, believes that the project's chances for success are brighter now than at any time since the idea gained a grip upon the minds of the people of this locality.

The recent election placed Harnett in Republican hands for the first time in the present century; Sampson piled up a record-breaking Republican majority; in Johnston the Democrats had the fight of their lives to retain control, and Cumberland developed surprising Republican strength. Jarvis county would take from Harnett Averasboro and portions of other townships in which the Republicans have their greatest strength, and leave Harnett safe for Democracy forever, it is claimed: from Johnston, Banner, its strongest Republican township, would be taken, and it, too, would be left safely Democratic; Sampson would lose Mingo, and, perhaps, portions of its other western townships, whose vote is almost solidly Republican and the race over there would be appreciably tightened; and about the only Republican territory in Cumberland would be taken from it.

Because of the foregoing, Mr. Clifford believes that a Democratic General Assembly will do well by the party if it will gather all these Republican strongholds together and fence them off, so to speak. He says that the new county would be content to plod along without representation in the General Assembly, until such time as a new senatorial district could be formed, the new district, be it understood, to be one in which Jarvis' Republican strength would not effect the Democratic personnel of either branch of the State's Legislature.

The people of Dunn are greatly interested in this project, and a movement is on foot through which it is hoped that a large representation will go to the capital during the next session of the General Assembly to petition the law-makers to pass the bill making the formation of Jarvis county possible.

FIGHT AGAINST RIVER AND HARBOR LEGISLATION BEGINS.

Frear of Wisconsin Attacks Improvements Proposed by House.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The fight against river and harbor legislation was begun for this session of Congress today when Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, attacked in the House proposed improvements in the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers. He declared the proposal to improve the Mussel Shoals section of the Tennessee, was a "scandalous" project and asserted that under the guise of improving navigation it was proposed to have the government do $18,701,000 worth of work on the river for the benefit of the Alabama Light, Power & Water Company, which he called the "Alabama Power Trust". Representative Frear criticised the army board of engineers for recommending the project.

CONES GIVE $1,500.

For Relief of Needy Hebrew Families in Russia.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 14.—Mr. Caesar Cone today gave $500 and the Cone Export & Commission Co., $1,000 to the proposed ten million dollars to be raised in America for the relief of members of needy Hebrew families in Russia.

Pittsburg, Dec. 14.—E. T. Oakes, manager of the Pittsburg Federals, announced today he had signed James Austin, third baseman of the St. Louis Americans.

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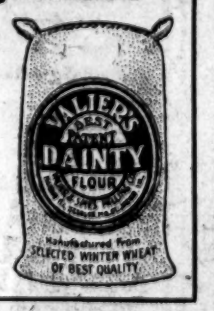

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All orders must be in by Wednesday, to insure delivery for Christmas. My fifteenth semi-annual sale, which began ten days ago, has so far been the most successful one I have ever conducted—and this is saying much. The financial depression of the past few months has no terrors for the man who buys his clothing from me. The prices are the same that have prevailed at previous sales and the saving means more to the buyer now than ever before. The clothing which I am privileged to offer at $13.50 and $19.00 are extraordinary bargains; you get for this money clothing that would cost from $5 to $21 more anywhere else.

Large numbers of men are measured every day. We have a corps of experts in taking measures and that are always pleased to have a visit from my customers.

I desire to thank the large number of patrons I have served during the 43 years I have been in Wilmington, and to ask for a continuance of their liberal patronage.

During the semi-annual special clothing sales I have conducted I have taken thousands of orders. So far as I know all have proved entirely satisfactory. This is evidenced by the fact that I have sold to the same patrons every year since my first sale. The number of patrons increases from year to year. But if there should happen to be any one in the thousands I have served who for any reason considers he has cause to be dissatisfied with his purchase, I will appreciate it and consider it a pleasure if he will come to my store and state his complaint. I will be pleased to adjust the matter in any way that is satisfactory to him. This offer is not made because I think there are any dissatisfied customers—for I don't believe I have any—but is made as an evidence of my good faith.

Come around and see me while the sale is on; it will not continue many days longer, and you will certainly want a new suit for the Christmas holidays.

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THE MISSION PHARMACY.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT RECEIVED AT NACO

Firing at the Border Continues Despite Assurances.

TO WAIT ANOTHER DAY

Washington Officials Unable to Understand Delay in Delivery of Orders of Carranza and Gutierrez to Stop Firing Over Border.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Although both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza have assured the American government that their forces have been instructed to confine their fire to Mexican territory, nothing official had been received late today to indicate the receipt of such instructions at Naco, Sonora.

Officials here are unable to understand the delay in delivery to the Naco commanders of the messages, copies of which have passed through American telegraph lines to Naco. Meanwhile firing continues.

The general belief tonight was that President Wilson would wait at least another day, perhaps discussing the subject with his cabinet tomorrow, and then, if the demands of the United States were not complied with, the threat to return with artillery fire any firing into American territory would be carried out. As yet, however, no further orders have been sent to Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, in charge of the situation at Naco, Ariz.

Little Attention to Carranza.

Administration officials attached no importance to Carranza's statement that if the United States fired into Mexican territory it would be an act of hostility. In view of the urgent tone of the message from Provisional President Gutierrez to General Maytorena, officials believed the latter would remove his troops and avoid complications. Should one of the factions heed the warning of the United States the need for defensive fire would be removed.

Secretary Bryan had received no further word tonight concerning the circumstances of the reported killing of two Americans at Cananea. Reports thus far received say they were killed by irresponsible bandits.

Admiral Howard, commanding the American squadron on the Mexican west coast, has learned that a Carranza force of 1,200 under General Iturbe has taken LaPaz, Lower California.

Carranza's Reply Received.

General Carranza, through Consul Canada at Vera Cruz, today formally advised the State Department that any use of force by United States troops at Naco, Ariz., in their efforts to keep Mexican bullets from American soil, "will be an act of hostility, however well disposed the government may be."

Carranza says General Hill has controlled his fire and that he is sending fresh instructions to the Sonora commander to avoid firing that would endanger persons across the border. He deplores that Americans have been killed and wounded, but suggests such accidents have been due to carelessness on the part of Americans or "imprudent curiosity."

Deny Responsibility.

Carranza quarters here today filed a statement of their position at Naco contending their forces were not responsible for any of the firing across the border.

Secretary Bryan today instructed Consul Silliman to seek clemency for all prisoners arrested on political charges and to ask their safe transportation from the country.

The Spanish ambassador was informed by the State Department today that Julian Zorolla, the Spaniard at Tampico, threatened with execution as a Villa supporter, had been released as a result of American representations. Two other Spaniards, arrested on the same charge, were executed.

American Consul Simpich is seeking release of a British subject, H. Perry Meakes, imprisoned at Navajo, Sonora, by Maytorena officials charged with "transporting enemies of the state."

The Brazilian minister at Mexico City reported today that E. J. Jones, of Los Angeles, vice president of Wells Fargo & Company, in Mexico, and G. A. O'Brien, its manager in the City of Mexico, under detention there, have been released.

DISTINGUISHED NEGRO DEAD

Rev. James W. Telfair Passed Away Sunday Afternoon.

Rev. James W. Telfair, D. D., former pastor of St. Stephen's A. M. E. church of Wilmington, died at his home, No. 615 Walnut street, Sunday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock. He was an ex-presiding elder of the North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. church, exmost worshipful grand master of the Lodge of Colored Masons for the jurisdiction of North Carolina, ex-alderman of the city of Wilmington and excommander of the Mystic Shriners of the colored race. He was well known and highly respected by the members of both races.

He was born in Wilmington August 28, 1837, and was, therefore, 77 years old. He was born a slave and his rise in negro colored and fraternal circles is remarkable. His life was full of service.

The funeral services will be conducted from St. Stephen's A. M. E. church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will lie in state at that church between the hours of 13 and 2 this afternoon in order that his friends may view the remains.

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST.

Members of Boys' Brigade Have Enjoyable Feast at Wrightsville.

Fifty members of the Boys' Brigade, including Col. Walker Taylor, the popular head of this institution, had an enjoyable oyster roast at Wrightsville Sound last night. This is an annual affair to which all the members look forward to with a great deal of pleasure. The occasion last night was fully up to the standard of those in the past. The members went down on the 8:30 car, returning at 11 o'clock. The affair was entirely informal without speeches or addresses, the purpose being simply to have a good time.

Mr. W. E. Merrit, superintendent of the city waterworks system, was a guest of honor.

Grey Top Patent Leather Shoes.

Leather and felt slippers just received at Peterson & Rulfs.—advertisement.

FORWARD-LOOKING COUNTY CHAIRMAN, SAYS NEWS

Views of Mr. M. S. Willard Endorsed in Strong Editorial.

A forward-looking county chairman is the way the Greensboro News aptly heads a strong editorial yesterday morning on the views of Mr. M. S. Willard, chairman of the Board of Commissioners regarding prison reform as expressed recently in his annual rep—

"Our attention is called," says The News, "to the annual report of the chairman of the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county, in which we find considerable matter of interest. The county is building a workhouse which will be ready for occupancy about February 1. It is set forth that this will enable the commissioners to take from the county home the insane negroes and women prisoners who now have to be kept there along with the indigent. Obviously, a county almshouse should be neither an insane asylum nor a penal institution. The cost of the building is put at about $35,000."

After quoting Mr. Willard's views regarding the need for the workhouse and the urgent need that exists for such institutions and also his endorsement of a State-wide law providing for an indeterminate sentence and other reforms in our present convict system, The News continues as follows:

"A most intelligent and comprehensive summary of problems, and purposes. New Hanover county is to be congratulated upon having a chairman of intelligence, who takes his position seriously, who has gone into the study of things beneath the surface. He perceives the responsibilities of the majorities of society, in its strength, to its delinquents, in their weakness; and that the old attitude of the former to the latter is not only altogether out of harmony with the broad spirit of Christian charity, the altruistic teachings of all intelligent philosophy whatsoever, but is illogical, uneconomic, poor business policy for society.

"We trust that the New Hanover official is not over-optimistic, and and that these ideas are in fact now so generally taking hold of the minds of the people. We hope it is indeed a certainty that the General Assembly, soon to meet, will provide the indeterminate sentence, parole or probation, and part of the surplus value of a prisoner's labor to go to his dependents or to be returned to him under conditions."

CHRISTMAS MONEY FOR SHOPPERS NOW AVAILABLE.

Christmas Club of American National Bank to Pay Out $15,000.

Nearly $15,000 is now available for Christmas shopping at the American National Bank, this being the amount that has been saved during the year by members of the Christmas Club. This feature was inaugurated three years ago and has proven to be very popular, there now being nearly 1,000 members. The idea is to save for 52 weeks in the year instead of the three weeks, just before Christmas, as is the case with many.

Mr. W. C. Denny, assistant cashier, who has had charge of this department, states that the most popular system is where the club members begin by paying five cents a week, doubling the amount each week, so that on the last week they pay $2.50 and draw out $63.75 with interest. This can be turned around by paying the largest amount first and on down to five cents a week. Other ways are by paying a fixed amount each week.

There were many happy faces yesterday as they came to get their money for Christmas shopping. Many of them began new accounts which will mature next Christmas.

The department has grown to such an extent that it is announced that Mr. J. Walter Orebaugh, assistant teller, will be made manager of the club, and will devote a considerable portion of his time to this work.

TO REMODEL BUILDING.

United Cigar Company Will Begin Work on Wilmington Store Soon.

The United Cigar Company will begin remodeling the store on the northeast corner of Front and Princess streets, now occupied by Mr. I. Shrier, early in 1915 according to their present plans. The remodeling of Mr. Shrier's new store, on Front street, formerly occupied by DeRosset's book store, has been practically completed and he will move into it on New Year's day. It has been handsomely fitted up with large plate glass window front and skylights to provide plenty of light in the interior. The work was done by Mr. Robert Tucker, Jr.

Mr. Shrier's lease on his present location does not expire for another year, but it will by a special arrangement, be under the control of the United Cigar Company after the first of the year. It is planned to spend between $5,000 and $6,000 in its improvement.

It will be divided into three small stores, one facing on Princess street and one with a seven-foot front on Front street, these two to be leased. The cigar store will be on the front with a 17-foot front, facing on Front street and extending back for 43 feet.

These announcements were contained in a letter to Wilder & Metts, real estate agents, who have charge of the property, from the general manager of the company.

INTERESTED IN ENCAMPMENT

Wilmington Baptist Looking Forward to Big Event Next Summer.

Wilmington Baptist are looking forward with much interest to the annual encampment of church workers of North Carolina and possibly of South Carolina which it is planned to hold at Wrightsville Beach next Summer. Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church, is a member of the committee on arrangements. It will be held in June. A meeting of the committee will be held the first of the year to make plans.

The encampment will be on the order of the assembly places of other denominations and will include lectures by well known speakers, music, social meetings and addresses. It is expected that fully 500 people will attend.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Solomon Sternberger and wife to Jno. E. Hawes, for $100 and other considerations, lot on south line of Ann, 32 feet east of 14th street, 33x85 feet in size; Simon Gibbs and wife to Festus Royall, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east line of Brooklyn, 90 feet north of Taylor, 33x95 feet in size; L. W. Moore and wife to Simon Gibbs, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east line of Brooklyn, 90 feet north of Taylor street, 33x75 feet in size; Carolina Real Estate Trust Company to Joe Sandors, for $10 and other considerations, farms No. 44 and 45, Castle Haynes colony; David Rountree and wife to Bessie Loftin Jones, for $100 and other considerations, lot No. 36, Winter Park Gardens.

PLAYING OF FRESHMEN ON VARSITY IS NO BAR

To S. I. A. A. Members Meeting Each Other in Football.

Statement Made by Prof. W. N. Randle, of Georgia Tech., Who Attended Meeting at Lexington in Unofficial Capacity.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—Educational institutions belonging to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association hereafter meet each other in football, regardless of whether they play freshmen on their varsity elevens, according to a statement issued here tonight by Prof. W. N. Randle, chairman of the faculty committee on athletics at the Georgia School of Technology.

Prof. Randle has just returned from Lexington, Ky., where he attended the annual meeting of the association. He explained, however, that he was present in an unofficial capacity, as Georgia Tech. recently withdrew from the organization and has not yet determined whether it will re-enter.

Respecting the action of the convention in providing for two divisions of the association, class A, not to play freshmen on its football elevens, and class B, to have that privilege, Prof. Randle said:

"The convention did not contemplate prohibiting colleges which decide to play freshmen in football from playing institutions which decide that first year men may not compete. They may meet each other without restriction—one playing freshmen and the other barring them. Press reports from Lexington saying that members of the association could play football only with opponents in their class were erroneous."

A change also was made in the rule governing the length of time a student might participate in collegiate athletics, Prof. Randle said. The provision as it has existed, restricted students to a total athletic period of four years on 'varsity teams, regardless of whether the individual played four years in any one branch of sport.

Prof. Randle said that this rule was changed at the meeting to provide that a student may engage for four years in each branch of sport, but that the total period of competition for an individual must not extend over more than five years.

New regulations were adopted governing the change of athletes from one college to another. Heretofore students going from one institution to another were compelled to spend a year in attendance at the second institution before they could play on 'varsity teams. Hereafter they will have the privilege of playing on 'varsity teams at the second institution during their first two years in attedance provided they have not been members of a 'varsity team the previous year at another institution.

The next annual meeting of the association will be held in New Orleans on December 10th and 11th, 1915.

MR. NOAH BIGGS DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Scotland Neck Passed Away—Funeral Today.

Many friends throughout the State will hear with much sorrow of the death of Mr. Noah Biggs, of Scotland Neck, a prominent citizen of Halifax county and one of the State's truest sons. Mr. Biggs, after an illness of some weeks, passed away yesterday, a telegram to this effect having been received last night by Mr. Oscar Pearsall, a warm personal friend of Mr. Biggs in this city.

The deceased was perhaps 70 years of age and had retired from active business several years ago. He was one of the most prominent Baptists in the State and was probably one of the originators and founders of the great Thomasville orphanage of his denomination in this State. He was for many years prominent in the deliberations of the State Baptist Convention and at the recent session in Raleigh a resolution of sympathy and affection was sent to him upon his being unable to be present at that time.

The funeral of Mr. Biggs will be conducted this afternoon at Scotland Neck and the interment will be in the family plat there. He is survived by his wife and one daughter. Friends throughout the State will join in tendering to them heartfelt sympathy.

Charged With Larceny of Shoes.

William Miller, colored, tried to sell Sarah Story two pairs of shoes yesterday morning and she suspecting that they had bern stolen notified the police. He was arrested on a charge of larceny and the shoes were identified as being the property of S. & B. Solomon. He will be tried before the Recorder this morning.

Mr. William Mintz Dead.

Friends in the city have learned with the deepest regret of the death of Mr. William Mintz, formerly of Wilmington who died at his home in Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday morning at 3:30 o'clock. He leaves a wife and several children. The remain will probably be brought to this city fo rinterment.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk,
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WILMINGTON TRADES COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Night —Large Attendance.

At an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of the Wilmington Trades Council held last night in Bonitz hall the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—W. M. Stewart.
Vice President—R. L. Harker.
Secretary—R. H. Burriss.
Treasurer—L. Riordan.

A number of those present including several of the newly elected officers made short addresses in which they discussed ways and means of bettering conditions pertaining to labor. The purpose of the organization is to secure greater cooperation not only between the various labor organizations of the city, but also between employer and employe.

MANUFACTURING CORN MEAL

Mr. B. F. Keith Now Operating Well Known Mill on His Plantation.

With characteristic enterprise and energy, Mr. B. F. Keith, who, tiring of city life, spends most of his time on his plantation at Keith's is now operating the well known Colly mill which is located on his land and is putting on the market a fine grade of corn meal. The mill was built over a hundred years ago, but has not been in operation recently.

Mr. Keith secures a large part of the corn he grinds from his own plantation and is thus able to secure a good quality, selecting only the best. The mill is also used to grind corn for those living in that vicinty.

There has been such a big demand for meal on the market that he has arranged to ship a considerable quantity to Wilmington. He was in the city yesterday and was warmly greeted by his many friends here.

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Will cure your **Rheumatism** Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts and Burns, Old Sores, Stings of Insects Etc. **Antiseptic Anodyne,** used internally and externally. Price 25c.

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THE NEW ORLEANS ITEM

A. G. NEWMYER
BUSINESS MANAGER
PAUL J. THOMSON
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Nov. 23, 1914

MESSRS. A. B. CASLER & CO.
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Gentlemen:

I believe you will be interested in a little story of Faith in the South—a rather unusual story at this time:

The Gibbs Preserving Company of Baltimore, whom you must know favorably as Producers of the famous BULL HEAD Brand CATSUP, and the equally famous BULL HEAD Brand PRESERVES, are spending a large sum of money in Twenty-five Southern Cities to advertise their Products.

They are using fifteen to twenty thousand lines of Newspaper Advertising Space in this City this year. They are using the same amount of space in twenty-four other Southern Cities.

Recognizing that the trade condition arising out of the present cotton situation is a transient one, they sent their money into our section of the Country. I am of the impression that you will agree with us that they are deserving of any reciprocity and evidence of appreciation that we may be able to send their way.

Therefore, I am going to suggest that you purchase right now a stock of the Gibbs Preserving Company's Products in recognition of their sticking to the South when the South needed them.

Their attractive Advertisements in this Paper, backed-up by the high quality of their Products, is bound to move their goods from your shelves. No doubt you have daily calls for these goods.

Yours truly,
NEW ORLEANS ITEM,
A. G. Newmyer

NOTE: It occurs to the undersigned that the letter printed herewith, which is one of a great number sent out by the business manager of the *New Orleans Item* to retail and wholesale grocers of New Orleans, will be a matter of interest to the whole South, and therefore we are printing it as a paid advertisement in the newspapers of twenty-five Southern cities as part of our advertising campaign.

GIBBS PRESERVING COMPANY
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

YOU can't tell much about the kind of a injine a automobile has by th' way th' varnish shines. An' some fine dressed folks ain't got much of a mental magneto.

Velvet Joe

There can be no criticism of VELVET'S "dress;" only praise for its taste and that aged-in-the-wood mellowness which is VELVET'S own. 10c tins and 5c metal-lined bags.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

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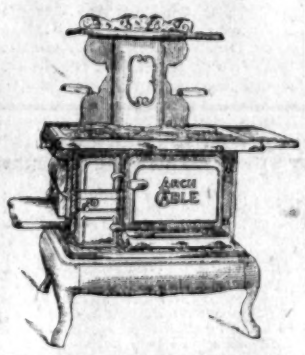

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We always have a sale on Hardware House Furnishing Goods, Plows, Gasoline Engines, Motor Boat Supplies. Everything is high grade and cheap.

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Peterson & Rulfs

This is the Place to Buy His Gift

Make this your Gift-Buying Headquarters. The best place to buy Gifts for Men is at a Men's Store. We've always been recognized as the leading Xmas Store for Men. The season's latest creations. Dress needs of every description. Useful articles desirable as gifts are here in a large variety. Our merchandise, our prices and our service are Right—in every way. If you are in doubt, we'll help you make your selection. Nothing would be more appreciated or appropriate than a STEIN-BLOCH Suit or Overcoat—a splendid gift at $10 to $25, with a guarantee of all wool, lasting shape, satisfactory wear and service. Let us send him a Suit or Overcoat for Christmas. We'll exchange it, if it doesn't fit properly.

Some Good Gift Suggestions

Are given below. Look through the list carefully. All useful things that men like. Check off the items you desire. Clip the list and bring it in. It's the most convenient way to do your Christmas Shopping. Choice is best now. Make your selections early. We'll hold them for you.

BATH ROBE	MUFFLER
BELT	POCKET BOOK, Genuine Leather.
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CANE	SCARF PIN
CAP, Cloth or Fur	SCARF
COLLARS	SHIRT
COLLAR BAG	SUIT CASE
CUFF BUTTONS	SWEATER COAT
FANCY VEST	SUSPENDERS
GARTERS	TRAVELING BAG
GLOVES, Street or Dress Wear.	TRUNK
HANDKERCHIEFS, Silk, Lisle.	UMBRELLA
HOSIERY, Silk or Lisle.	UNDERWEAR
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THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily and mailed to subscribers outside the county at $6 per year; $3 for six months; $1.50 for three months; or served by carrier in the city and suburbs at 50c. per months, or, when paid in advance, $7.00 per year, $3.50 for six months, $1.75 for three months.

THE SUNDAY STAR by mail, one year, $1; six months, 50 cents; three months, 25 cents.

ADVERTISING RATES may be had on application, and advertisers may feel assured that through the columns of this paper they may reach all Wilmington, Eastern Carolina and contiguous territory in South Carolina.

Obituary sketches, cards of thanks, communications espousing the cause of a private enterprise or a political candidate and like matter will be charged at the rate of 10 cents per line, to persons carrying a regular account, or, if paid cash in advance, a half rate will be allowed. Announcements of fairs, festivals, balls, hops, picnics, excursions, society meetings, political meetings, etc., will be charged under the same conditions, except so much thereof as may be of news value to the readers of the paper, in the discretion of the editors.

TELEPHONES: Business Office, No. 51. Editorial and Local rooms, No. 61. Call either if the other doesn't answer.

COMMUNICATIONS, unless they contain important news, or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected unless the real name of the author accompanies the same, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

ALL DRAFTS, checks, express money orders and postal money orders for the paper should be made payable and all communications should be addressed to

THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1914.

Did you hear the Oyster Bay Wilson?

Those who are doing business are those who are keeping business up.

A woman has faith in her husband, but she don't care to trust him very far.

It is said that "the Mexicans despise Americans." Doesn't that about make it unanimous?

It's a wise kid who keeps his savings bank where dad can't peek in and see the size of the year's deposit.

The preparedness of Representative Gardner to put his foot in it is so painfully apparent that it requires no investigation.

"Kaiser very ill; price of wheat goes down." "Kaiser better; wheat goes up." Speculators in wheat certainly have a very exaggerated idea of the Kaiser.

The courage of men is about the same today as it ever was. So is the beauty and heroism of women. All nations have their heroes and heroines.

Prediction for the coming year: All sorts of political maneuvering by mountebanks. Also much playing to the galleries by bad actors who play politics.

Russia refused to agree to a truce during Christmas, but it should be remembered that her Christmas doesn't come till 13 days after white folks' Christmas.

If it be true that King Peter of Servia is leading his army, he is in front while the Austrians are following close after King Peter's army. So the Austrians say, at least.

The country today venerates the memory of many a statesman who was as much maligned and abused in his day as are the statesmen of today. They have outlived their detractors.

It's the same old army and navy turned over to the Democrats less than two years ago. It is strange how Republicans think things rapidly deteriorate when they lose their jobs.

The Republicans can be counted on to make as much fuss as possible. That is about all the hope they have. What they stand for will not be counted by the people two years from now.

We notice a rule on how to economize. It comes too late for most of us. Those who have neglected to save for a rainy day now know what the savings bank meant all these years when they advertised to that effect.

Sweden's annual exportation of butter in 1907 footed up a value of $8,506,000 and in 1912 the butter exports amounted to $12,138,000. That country also exported large quantities of cream and cheese. North Carolina imports more butter than Denmark exports. If any country ever needed a dairying industry it is North Carolina.

During the coming session of the General Assembly, the Democrats will have a good opportunity to do something to keep the Republicans from increasing the vote they cast in the last election. For a party that seemed to be busted and dead, the Republican party in North Carolina managed to dig up enough votes to astonish us.

If the voters of North Carolina do not want a statewide nominating primary, it shows that they are content to do the voting while somebody else nominates the candidates to be voted for. That would suit the men who make the nominations, of course, but if it would suit the voters it would throw suspicion on their intelligence.

Says a newspaper headline over some of the howl about the unpreparedness of the navy: "The United States Fleet Destroyed and Captured, Cities Taxed Billions, Is Future Vision Based on Unpreparedness." If the man who had such a vision is subject to seeing snakes, he couldn't see less than enough snakes to fill up every inch of the Gulf Stream.

NOT QUALIFIED TO ARBITRATE THE WAR.

Strong public sentiment in this country in behalf of the allies seems to have aroused just as strong public sentiment in Germany that this country has disqualified itself as an arbitrator of the war in Europe. When the war broke out, President Wilson was quick to tender his good offices to all the belligerents as an arbiter of peace. At the same time he declared this country's neutrality and appealed in a proclamation to the people to maintain an attitude of neutrality. The President was in earnest, but the press and the people have failed to comply with the spirit of the President's appeal.

For that reason, Germany distrusts America, and it is not likely that if the war is submitted to arbitration this country will cut much of a figure in the effort to bring about peace. That is a pity, too, for President Wilson could be absolutely depended upon to hold the balances evenly between all the belligerents, but for the reason that strong sympathy for one side and plain manifestation of prejudice is daily shown or expressed in the American press, it is difficult to conceive how this country would be acceptable to all the belligerents in effecting a satisfactory arbitration.

Sentiment in Germany in that respect has been plainly but kindly expressed by the Cologne Gazette, probably the best recognized authority in German official circles as well as among the public. That paper has noticed the so-called "peace movement" in this county, and considers it timely to disclaim that any such movement has been inspired by Germany. Furthermore, the Gazette adds that "American bankers with German names, in urging the desirability of peace, render a doubtful service to Germany." Such a step by those bankers, or others in America, the Cologne paper says, is likely to be misconstrued as an indication that Germany is exhausted by the war, and it adds that such nations only tend to injure German credit with neutral nations.

Despite all friendliness with America, the Gazette emphasizes, "Germans must not allow themselves to be deceived and they must look in the face the fact that America cannot be an arbitrator in the fight between Germany and Great Britain." It would be an "ostrich policy," the paper declares, "not to recognize that public opinion in America, taken as a whole, is entirely friendly to Great Britain." The Gazette insists, therefore, that while it may be argued that the American government has observed the strictest neutrality in an indifferent way, it remarks: "One can be neutral in an indifferent way, but, on the whole, America has been favorable to Great Britain."

Thereupon the Gazette concludes:

"In view of all this, we cannot have in America the confidence which we ought to be able to repose in a power which would act as an impartial arbitrator in regard to an arrangement of peace. We cherish no feeling of irritation against America because she is friendly to Great Britain. Such a feeling is only natural, as Great Britain is America's motherland; but it is just for this reason that we fear prejudice and we must, in a friendly but firm manner, reject America as an arbitrator."

If that is the sentiment in Germany, and American sentiment seems to be as well known there as it is here, it is hardly to be supposed that this country will have the chance to do the world the great service of being the principal arbitrator of this war.

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE

We wish to revert to the November issue of the National Geographic Magazine to refer to the fact the entire edition is devoted to an article on Russia, that Huge European nation which has been making progress in accordance with its size during the past decade or more. It is Russia's rapid development and marvelous progress that calls for the attention of the magazine, and certainly it can be said that this great American publication has furnished a descriptive and detailed production of great educational value and intense interest.

The article is beautifully and artistically illustrated, and when that is said it means that the highest class of the engraver's art in America has been employed in it. The National Geographic Magazine is in itself a work of art, both illustrative and typographic, and as for being a peculiarly literary production along special lines, the magazine in our estimation, stands at the head of all American publications. It turns the flood light on the narrative and historic feature of geography, and as a visitor to all well regulated American homes we cannot conceive of a more delightful, educational and valuable one.

The article on Russia is the most fascinating and entertaining story of that wonderful country ever written for a magazine, and really it can be classed as the latest text book on Russia, with the element of human interest decidedly the dominating feature. The amazing facts of Russia's development have been verified from every authoritative source and the marvelous pictures presented perform a most attractive part in conveying a complete idea of the conditions to be found in the great empire.

We think readers will thank us for calling attention to this article and we are sure they will prise the magazine for itself, a decided favorite of ours for years. It is not a money making enterprise, and it is not for sale on any news stand, although its monthly circulation equals the combined circulations of four of this country's most popular magazines. It is an educational publication of the most delightful description and its motive is to stimulate interest in geography and travel as well as to entertain in a peculiarly impressive way.

So far this year, the Geographic Magazine has published 71 pages of eight and four-color work, 64 pages of photogravure and three large maps in color of Central Europe, Mexico and Alaska at an expense of more than $100,000. This color and photogravure work is not produce merely as a work of art but because it is believed that the real atmosphere and coloring of certain countries can not be properly conveyed except in this way. Therefore, the very costly features are both educational and artistic, and they give the National Geographic Magazine a distinction that no other American publication has.

The magazine can be had by sending communications to the publication, at Washington, D. C.

STILL ANOTHER NEW PAPER

The average newspaper man doesn't stop for war depression or anything else. While quite a number of papers have published big booster editions during the past two months, several new papers have been started in different portions of the State. The latest newcomer to The Star sanctum is the Carolina Mountaineer, just launched at Waynesville by Jesse Daniel Boone, editor, and C. W. Davis, business manager. It is a clean, bright, eight-page weekly, and is as attractive as it is vigorous. Editor Boone is an experienced newspaper man, but for the past ten years he has been merchandising. Evidently he was out of his element, so he has come back and is going right ahead like a newspaper man who knows his business. Although his paper is only four weeks old he is getting up a big Christmas edition just to show that the Land of the Sky doesn't know what war is.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH US?

Wilmington is good winter vacation territory. Why don't we make it so by doing something? The climate and surroundings are splendid but we will have to make them available. We don't seem to recognize the possibilities.

Capital earns six per cent. or more when it is loaned or invested in enterprises. Idle capital is only money without the power of increment. We have to do something to make capital earn something.

The magnificent climate and the picturesque and delightful surroundings in the vicinity of Wilmington are comparable to capital with which we are not doing a thing.

Why don't we handle our assets so they will be worth something to us and the community?

Colonel Roosevelt said: "During the last twenty months the navy has become inefficient." That is about as long as the Democrats have had supervision of the navy, although the ships, officers and men are the same as they were when Colonel Roosevelt was President. It's funny how men and ships go to pieces just because Democrats are in charge. However, Admiral Fletcher says: "The ships individually are in a high state of efficiency, as high as they have ever been." The admiral is in a position to know, while Teddy is in a position in which he works overtime to make a poor article of political capital. Who is right—the admiral whose business it is to know, or the colonel whose business it is to make out like he knows?

So long as it might be worse, every person may just as well be an optimist. An optimist is an individual who recognizes the fact that hard times come along now and then, but he is satisfied that better times are bound to come along. An optimist puts up with hard times for he knows they never come to stay. Depression may come occasionally to sober us up and teach us a lesson. One lesson that it ought to teach us is that when times are good that is the time to do our level best for Wilmington as well as ourselves.

It was claimed that thousands of men were out of employment in Wilmington, Delaware, but when the city called for men to work on a sewer extension to cost $60,000, the idea had to be dropped because there were no men to be employed. Perhaps the men of that Wilmington are unemployed because there are not enough easy jobs to go around.

This country does not know much more about the people of South America than it does about the Chinese. The Latin Americans are progressive and many of the leading men are as able and cultivated as any in the United States or Europe. It tickles or angers them to see some of the queer ideas expressed about them in the American papers.

A LAST APPEAL FOR STARVING BELGIANS

To the Editor of The Star.

Your State has contributed generously towards the relief of Belgian suffering but to avert starvation this winter more help is still necessary. There are doubtless many who have not yet come to the aid of a people without a country—a people who must perish unless Americans mercifully blessed with peace come to their aid.

As treasurer of the Dollar Christmas Fund I make this last appeal to the charity of your readers. Christmas is the season of good will. Without their help old men, frail women and little children will be without bread and without shelter from the blasts of winter.

We have collected over $30,000 so far in our effort to avert starvation and we are acting with a big London fund which has collected over $400,000. Already we have contributed conjointly a large proportion of the receipts and we have arranged to cable money to the London fund which is well organized to distribute relief as late as Christmas Eve. When peace is happily restored you will be glad to reflect that so far as you personally are concerned your aid was forthcoming at a moment of tragic crisis to help a famishing people.

Even if you have given to every other fund I beg you in the name of humanity to assist the Christmas fund. Help to send a Christmas gift worthy of America—a tribute of sympathy from one people to another whose needs and sorrows are immeasurable.

For the last time and before it is too late I beg you to send a donation to our fund which I shall be glad to acknowledge and transmit. "It is human to pity; Godlike to relieve." Please address all donations to

Yours truly,
HENRY CLEWS,
Care Henry Clews & Co., Bankers,
Broad Street, New York City.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"Why not disarm Europe in the interests of peace?" asks the Baltimore American; but it neglects to say by whom and how the disarming is to be accomplished.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Far be it from us to indulge in captious criticism, but is not the question eminently in order, of the Fayetteville conductor who leaped from the engine and caught that deer, how he happened to let the other one get away?—Greensboro News.

The Cologne Gazette has discovered that public opinion in the United States is friendly to Great Britain. A little further investigation would show the Cologne Gazette what country is responsible for this fact.—Charleston News and Courier.

In all the scenes of activity in the European war the favorite occupation of the belligerents at present seems to be "driving wedges." A German wedge is being driven toward Warsaw and a Russian wedge continues to be forced toward Cracow. There is a British wedge driving toward Roulers, in Flanders, and a French wedge has penetrated to Armentieres. German wedges have been piercing the Belgian lines at Nieuport and Furnes, according to unofficial reports, and, officially speaking, German and French wedges are inextricably dovetailing with each other in the Argonnes and other forests too numerous to mention. Finally, King Peter claims to have triumphantly wedged the Austrians in Servia. Some of these strategic formations are bound to lose their points; but which?—Philadelphia Record.

Did Great Britain use aeroplanes in her successful hunt for the squadron of Admiral von Spee? Recently a sea captain reported having been inspected by an aeroplane 300 miles out from the South American coast and the supposition was that it was a British air craft aiding in making secure the great net of warships in the ocean to prevent von Spee's escape. Certainly flying machines have been used in naval maneuvers in the war, notably along the Belgian coast and in the North Sea, and a day or two ago hydroplanes were used by Russian cruisers in an effort to catch the Turkish cruiser Breslau in the vicinity of Sebastopol. If Great Britain has aeroplanes at work in her effort to round up the few remaining German warships that are not bottled up in home waters the enemy's chances of escape are much diminished, for with the aid of aviators a British fleet could keep an eye on a very wide water lane on each side of its own course.—Savannah News.

The Philadelphia Record is moved to observe and enquire: "We grow the cotton here in the United States. With this basic, first-hand advantage why should we not spin and weave, and make the dyes to color the finished fabric, for ourselves and for outside purchasers?" Just the point The Observer has been endeavoring to emphasize for years. When the South begins to spin and weave all the cotton produced on its plantations, it will soon become the most properous section of the United States. The main advantage would be in obtaining control of the cotton market and not only setting and maintaining the prices on raw cotton, but on the manufactured goods. The real solution of the cotton problem is not in the reduction r control of the acreage, but in manufacturing all of the raw product into finished goods. In cotton the South has a great natural monopoly—the greatest in the world—and the key to its absolute control of this monopoly is in the cotton mill.—Charlotte Observer.

NOTED LECTURER TONIGHT

Dr. H. W. Sears Will Speak at the Boys' Brigade Armory.

A packed house is expected to greet the eminent lecturer, Dr. H. W. Sears at the Boys' Brigade tonight when he will present his famous humorous lecture, "More Taffy and Less Epitaphy." The sale of reserve seats has been large and this indicates the intention of the ticket holders to hear him and enjoy the pleasure he promises them.

That this lecture will be one of the best numbers of the course is a foregone conclusion for Dr. Sears is not an experiment, but a proven quantity and his 20 years of success amply attest his ability as a humorist of the finest kind. He presents a message clothed in humor which is rich, striking and appealing.

Of him Dr. A. A. Willetts says: "Dr. H. W. Sears' lectures are good for dyspepsia; they exorcise the spirit of crumbling and despondency; they drive all the 'blue devils' out of the windows. Mingling with his irresistible merriment are most earnest appeals to true manliness and true womanliness, while his clear, resonant voice stirs the pulses like the notes of a bugle."

Those who attend this lecture will be well repaid for their attendance and unless the people of Wilmington are entirely different from those of all the rest of the United States, they will join in the great chorus of praise which is ringing throughout the land for Dr. H. W. Sears. Reserve seats are still on sale at Munson's and can be secured until 6 o'clock this afternoon. The lecture will begin at 8:30. Doors open at 7:45.

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Says a Special Correspondent

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If you are a victim of any of the numerous ills so common to your sex, it is wrong to suffer.

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Cardui is successful because it is composed of ingredients which act specifically on the womanly constitution, and helps build the weakened organs back to health and strength.

Cardui has helped others, and will help you, too. Get a bottle today. You won't regret it. Your druggist sells it.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for *Special Instructions* on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. NC130

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WANT IMPROVED ROAD TO CAROLINA BEACH

Three Real Estate Companies Make Propositions

Offer to Contribute $1,000 a Mile and to Furnish Rock—County Commissioners Will Consider Proposal Thursday.

Two propositions for co-operating with New Hanover county in the building of an improved road to Carolina Beach from Wilmington were made to the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon by the New Hanover Transit Company, the Wilmington Beach Corporation and the Kure Land & Development Company. The proposals of the three companies will be considered at a meeting of the Board Thursday afternoon.

They offer to contribute $1,000 a mile towards completing the Federal Point road from the Belt Line for a distance of seven and a half miles, or to purchase a standard five-ton truck and rock crusher and furnish same to the county for the construction of the road for that distance, and in either case to furnish the rock for the use of the county. They agree further to complete at their own expense said road to Fort Fisher Sea Beach, provided the county will do the grading.

The first proposition made was the same as the above, with the exception that it was specified that the county should construct the road to Fort Fisher Sea Beach, a distance of nine and a half miles. The proposition which was in writing was read by Mr. J. H. Hinton, vice president of the Kure Land & Development Company.

It was first decided by the board to refer the matter to the permanent road committee, but several of those present, among these being Mr. J. J. Loughlin, were of the opinion that it could be acted upon yesterday afternoon.

In reply to a question from Mr. Loughlin as to what he thought of the proposition Mr. M. S. Willard, chairman of the board, said that he thought there was no need of the county building a road all the way to Fort Fisher in view of the scanty population in that vicinity. After some discussion as to the amount of money which has been expended in Federal Point township, Mr. C. C. Chadbourn, president of the Wilmington Beach Corporation, stated that he was prepared to announce to the board that if the county would construct the road upon the conditions named in the original proposition that the three companies concerned would construct the road for the remainder of the distance, provided the county would do the grading.

Commissioner L. W. Moore thought that the proposition should be considered by the entire board and upon his motion it was decided to wait until Thursday afternoon to take it up.

New proposals in writing were made but yesterday afternoon and a copy sent to each of the county commissioners, reading as follows:

"To the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County: The New Hanover Transit Company, Wilmington Beach Corporation, and Kure Land & Development Company, in order to hasten the completion of the Federal Point Road, now under construction, make the following proposals:

"First: Said companies will contribute $1,000 per mile towards the expense of completing said road from Belt Line road for a distance of 7 1-2 miles, payable in installments of $1,000 upon completion of each mile, or

"Second: Said companies will purchase a standard five-ton road truck and rock crusher, complete, and furnish same to the county for use in the completion of the construction of said road to said point, said machinery at completion of said road to be returned to said companies in good condition. In either case said companies agree to furnish the rock in the mine for the use of the county in completing said road, which rock is located on Freeman land near said road.

"The above proposals are made with the understanding that the work on said road be begun not later than ....., 1915, and be carried on continuously with a sufficient force until the said road is completed, for a distance of 7 1-2 miles from said Belt Line.

"And if the county accept either of these propositions, then said three companies agree at their own expense to complete said road from said point to Fort Fisher Sea Beach, provided the county will do the grading.

THE NEW HANOVER TRANSIT CO.
By A. W. Pate, President.
WILMINGTON BEACH CORPORATION
By C. C. Chadbourn, President.
KURE LAND & DEVELOPMENT CO.
By J. H. Hinton, Vice President.

SMALL CASES DISPOSED OF

Second Week of Civil Term in Superior Court Began Yesterday.

A number of minor cases were disposed of yesterday, the opening day of the second week of the December term of Superior Court, which will come to an end next Saturday.

In the case of W. A. Wood against J. E. Robinson, a verdict for $100 and interest was returned in favor of the plaintiff. D. L. Gore & Co., Inc., obtained a judgment for $82.29 and interest from January 1, 1914, against Hezekiah Miller. In the case of D. R. Foster against D. D. Lebanon a verdict for the plaintiff for $100 was returned.

In the divorce proceedings brought by Attelia W. Manson against F. A. Mason, a non-suit was ordered after plaintiff's evidence had been heard. Counsel for the plaintiff took a voluntary non-suit in the case of humphrey Brothers against Buell Crocker Lumber Company.

Entries were made yesterday as follows: W. C. Flournoy against Murchison National bank, judgment for dismissal; O. T. Simpkins against D. N. Chadwick, Jr., order.

BEFORE THE RECORDER

Three Colored Men Charged With Selling Pork From Carts in City.

Adie Robertson, Robert Lofton and and Ed K. Nixon, all colored, were arraigned before Recorder Brooke G. Empie yesterday morning on charges of selling pork from carts in the city in less than quarters, contrary to law. They were recognized for their appearance Thursday morning, when the cases will be tried. Earl Burnett and Lee Andrew Outlaw, two colored boys, charged with shooting fire crackers within the city limits, were discharged on account of their youthfulness.

Grey Top Patent Leather Shoes.

Leather and felt slippers just received at Peterson & Rulfs.—advertisement. 2t

PREDICTS 4,000 STUDENTS

Superintendent J. J. Blair Thinks Enrollment in City Schools Will Reach That Number.

A total enrollment of 4,000 pupils in the city schools when they reopen after the holidays is the prediction of Mr. John J. Blair, city superintendent of schools, as contained in his report for the month of November, submitted to the Board of Education in session yesterday afternoon. The report also comments on the fine work done during November, and on a number of other features connected with the city schools.

Superintendent Blair's report, in detail, is as follows:

December 9, 1914.

"Board of Education of New Hanover County and School Committee, Districts, Nos. 1, 2 and 18.

"Gentlemen: I have the honor of submitting my report for the month of November of the current year. A statistical summary of the enrollment, attendance, etc., in each of the schools under your charge appears below. You will note that the total enrollment has about reached the 4,000 mark, the number being exactly 106 less than this amount. With the opening of school on the 4th of January, 1915, we have every reason to believe that this number will be reached for the first time in the history of the schools.

"I desire to refer briefly to the part our teachers took in the State association, which was held in Charlotte during Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week. In addition to the superintendent, four principals, namely Miss Cook, Miss Hill, Mr. Hamilton, and Mrs. Fennell, were present.

"Four of our number took part in the programme and Mrs. Fennell, of the Cornelius Harnett school, served with great success as president of the grammar school department. Fourteen teachers in all were in attendance upon the different sessions of the association. I am sure that all of these brought back to the rest of the faculty some inspiration and helpful information.

"The superintendent took occasion to spend one day visiting the schools of the city of Charlotte, noting with great interest the commercial department of the high school, and the manual training which includes the boys from the Eighth grade to the Senior class in the high school.

"In the commercial department 24 tables for writing and bookkeeping are furnished, and in one corner of the room a miniature bank in which all forms of practical banking are practiced. In a room adjoining 20 typewriters have been added for instruction in this branch of business training.

"The manual training room is equipped with 16 benches, each equipped with a small set of wood working tools, in addition there are five turning lathes, a band saw, and one or two other pieces run by a small motor. The total cost of this equipment was $1,600. This department is in charge of a manual training teacher from the Mechanic's Institute, Rochester, N. Y.

"The Palmer method of penmanship is used in all grades and seems to give fairly good results under the direction of a supervisor of writing.

"During the month of November the health of both teachers and pupils was exceptionally good, the weather conditions were favorable, and the principals report that exceptionally good work was done in every department.

"A number of prizes were taken by the different schools at the Corn Show, among them being for articles, work in carpentering, domestic science products, garments, etc.

"North Carolina day and social service week were observed by the schools in accordance with the governor's proclamation and the direction of Mr. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction.

"The Williston and Peabody schools for the negro race deserve commendation for the excellent work which is being done under very unfavorable circumstances. The percentage of those enrolled is as good as that made by any colored school in the State.

"The congestion will be relieved after the holidays as the Williston will be permitted to occupy their new building on the United States government tract. They are looking forward to doing some exceptionally good work of a practical nature as well as in the elementary studies of reading, writing and arithmetic.

"Bibles and flags having been offered to the Cornelius Harnett and William Hooper schools by the Jeff Davis and George Washington councils of the J. O. U. A. M. of the city, the schools joined with them in providing a proper form of celebration. The children and teachers are enjoying these beautiful gifts to the fullest extent.

"As is customary the children are bearing all the expense for the poles, concrete work, halyards, etc., themselves. The William Hooper school has already raised enough money by plays and entertainments to settle up the account.

"The teachers and children of the two new schools also have reason to thank their friends for many kindnesses.

"I wish to commend the principals and teachers for the successful conduct of the schools during the month of November. I wish to compliment the children for their interest and responsiveness, and to thank the patrons for their active cooperation.

"A visit from the county board of education and the school committee is always helpful and duly appreciated."

The statistical summary of enrollment and attendance for the month of November, included in the report, is as follows:

SCHOOL:	No. Pupils Enrolled to Date.	No. Belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	No. Pupils Tardy.	No. Suspended or Expelled.	No. Days Teachers Absent.	No. Teachers Late.
Union	937	882	842	96	53	0	1	0
Hemenway	190	176	169	97.8	11	2	2	0
High School	400	392	367	97.3	28	0	1	1
Isaac Bear	315	306	278	95.2	34	0	0	0
Cornelius Harnett	358	347	327	95.2	21	0	1	0
William Hooper	519	519	465	91	78	0	7	6
Total	2,719	2,622	2,448		225	2	12	1
Williston Industrial	595	542	472	94.5	67	0	1	0
Peabody	580	534	473	94.5	41	0	2	0
Total	1,175	1,096	945		108	0	3	0
Grand Total	3,894	3,718	3,393		333	2	15	1

TYPHOID WAS DUE TO SCHOOL CONDITIONS

So Says Committee From the Board of Health.

Scott's Hill Instance Cited to Board of Education Yesterday—Prompt Action Taken—Other Matters Before the Body.

That unsanitary conditions and polluted water at the school houses at Scott's Hill were responsible for a small epidemic of typhoid fever occuring in that section during the latter part of October and the month of November was the report made to the Board of Education in monthly session yesterday afternoon by a committee from the Board of Health, composed of Dr. C. P. Bolles and Dr. J. B. Crammer, the medical members of the body, and Dr. John Thames, assistant county health officer, in charge of the health department during the absence of Dr. C. T. Nesbitt, who is away on his vacation.

After hearing the communication presented by the committee, and also a short talk from Dr. Thames, the Board of Education decided to take steps at once to have sanitary closets installed at all the rural schools. Final action on the water question was left open pending the completion of several experimental deep wells now being sunk at rural school buildings.

Chairman J. O. Carr, presided at the meeting yesterday and the other two members, Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen and Mr. B. Solomon, were also present, as well as Prof. Washingto Catlett, county superintendent of education, and Mr. John J. Blair, city superintendent of schools. In addition to hearing the report of the committee from the Board of Health and acting on the matter as outlined above, the board also transacted a considerable amount of routine business and acted upon a number of other matters, including a recommendation from Mr. Blair relative to a night school for teaching mechanical drawing at the high school.

In presenting the communication from the committee from the Board of Health to the Board of Education, Dr. Thames pointed out that the health department had condemned the water used at the schools in the Scott's Hill district on several occasions, and that several laboratory analyses had shown the water to be polluted, also that the sanitary conditions at the rural schools had been brought to the attention of the Board of Education on a number of occasions. He said that during the epidemic of typhoid referred to, he had made a sanitary survey of the premises where the cases had occurred; samples of the water had been secured and analyses showed that the water was pure, and the sanitary conditions at the homes were found to be good. The Board of Health, he concluded, was satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that one of the main causes of the typhoid in the Scott's Hill community lay in the polluted drinking water and the unsanitary conditions at the schools. On this ground the committee asked that the Board of Health take steps to supply the different rural schools with the necessary sanitary closets and wholesome drinking water, as is required under the regulations of the Board of Health.

Members of the Boards of Education pointed out that the body had been in sympathy with the requested improvements all along, but that a lack of the necessary funds had made it impossible to install them. However, after some further discussion the chairman was authorized to let contracts for the necessary septic tanks and to have sanitary closets installed at all of the rural schools, it being decided to await the outcome of the experiments with the deep wells before settling the water question.

The communication from the committee from the Board of Health was as follows:

"On examination of schools, both white and colored, District No. 11, at Scott's Hill, we find that these schools are supplied with open surface privies and have a shallow pump which show by repeated laboratory analyses to be furnishing polluted water. We have had reported from this district during the last week in October and the month of November seven cases of typhoid fever, six colored and one white, three of whom died, two colored and one white. The majority of these cases were attending school. A survey of the premises at the homes of these patients did not reveal anything that was conducive of typhoid. The analyses showed pure water and the people had supplied themselves with receptacle privies. There was no milk used in either case and the sanitary condition in each instance was good. We have been active in using every means at our command to check the typhoid and prevent the spread of it. A majority of the people in the community have been induced to take the typho bacterin, to clean up their premises and install receptacle privies.

"Under the law we feel that we should be able to use the schools as examples, but in this district, as in many others in the county, the schools are a drawback to community sanitation."

On the recommendation of Mr. Blair, the board decided as an experiment to authorize the superintendent of the city schools to allow Mr. E. Grossman to use one room at the high school building at night for the purpose of teaching mechanical drawing, the same subject to the approval of the joint school committee and to revocation by the board should they deem it advisable.

The board officially adopted the name of the William Hooper school for the new school in the southern section of the city and the Cornelius Harnett school for the new school in the northern end of the city.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved: That the Board of Education extend to the Junior O. U. A. M. the thanks of the board for the presentation of Bibles and flags to the Cornelius Harnett and the William Hooper schools."

WANT DIVORCE FACTS GIVEN

Wilmington Ministers Go on Record as Favoring an Amendment to Marriage License Law.

In order that ministers may know when persons applying to them to officiate at marriages have been divorced, resolutions were adopted by the Wilmington Ministerial Association yesterday requesting that the next General Assembly amend the marriage license law so as to require all persons applying for license to marry to state whether or not they are divorced. The resolutions adopted are the same as recently adopted by the Ministerial Association of Winston-Salem.

On account of its being impossible to secure an auditorium sufficiently large in which to hold a union revival for all the churches of the city, it has been decided not to secure the services of Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, the famous evangelist. It is now planned to begin simultaneously in all the churches of the city next March a series of evangelistic services. It is left optional with the different churches as to whether or not they will participate in the services. This plan was tried in Raleigh last winter and proved to be a wonderful success.

Following is a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Winston-Salem Ministerial Association recently and endorsed by the Wilmington ministers yesterday:

"Whereas, we believe that the public welfare demands a more careful scrutiny of those endeavoring to procure license to be married; and, whereas, we, as ministers of the Gospel of Christ, must be governed by the laws of our respecting church courts, concerning the marriage of divorced parties; and, whereas, we earnestly desire to conserve the interests of the State as they are bound up with the Christian home:

"Therefore, be it resolved, first, that we respectfully request the General Assembly of North Carolina to meet in January, 1915, to so amend the statute prescribing the form of marriage license as to require oath from the person applying for the license, the condition of those to be married, condition to be answered by the word 'single,' the word 'widow,' or 'widower,' the word 'divorced,' as the case may demand; and in case the answer is 'divorced', to require a statement of the ground on which the divorce was procured in the legal term applicable, and the State and county in which and the time at which procured.

"Resolved, second, That we ask our governor, whom we know to be the friend of the home and that virtue, which is its true foundation, if not out of harmony with the necessary brevity of his message, to make commendatory mention of the foregoing resolution in his communication to the General Assembly to meet in January, 1915.

"Resolved, third, That these resolutions, certified by the officers of the Twin-City Ministerial Union, comprising 30 white members, be forwarded to His Excellency, Gov. Locke Craig, and to the separate branches of the General Assembly."

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

Annual Election of Live Oak Camp Held Last Evening.

At the regular meeting last evening of Live Oak Camp, No. 1, Woodmen of the World, officers were elected as follows to serve for the ensuing year:

Past C. C.—W. D. Weathersbee.
C. C.—E. D. Harvey.
A. L.—W. E. Davis.
Banker—W. H. Howell.
Clerk—Geo. C. Johnson, Sr.
Escort—Geo. T. Hewlett.
Watchman—W. P. Farrar.
Sentry—W. J. Swalls.
Manager—Jno. E. Wood.
Camp physicians—Drs. Ernest Bulluck, John Thames, R. H. Bellamy and J. A. Doshier.

Report of Treasurer for November.

Following is a copy of the financial report of the Treasurer of Associated Charities for the month of November: Receipts—New Hanover county $200; Mrs. W., $3; unknown friend, $1; Miss Lucile Murchison, $10; Capt. Walter G. MacRae, $20; Mr. H. C. McQueen, $10; cash, $1; a friend, $10; Mrs. Wm. P. Emerson, $5; a friend, $1; Mr. John G. Kuhlken, $1.50; Mrs. Walter L. Parsley, $25; Mr. Clayton Giles, $5. Disbursements—Secretary's salary, $33.33; Catherine Kennedy Home, $12.50; groceries, $200.75; rent for those in need, $21.50; cash help, $12.20; wood, $15.85; gas for office, 50 cents; telephone, $2.33.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Elsie Bullard, of Rutland, S. C., is the guest of her brother, Mr. W. T. Spooner, No. 815 Third street. She is a native of Wilmington and this is her first visit here since 1857.

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Mr. H. V. Conly, of the United States engineer's office, is visiting relatives at College Park, Va. Mrs Conly left several days ago. They will not return home until after the Christmas holidays.

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Miss Mae Lillie McClammy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McClammy, returned yesterday morning from Aurora College, of Aurora, Ill., to spend the holidays with her parents. She has been a student there during the fall term.

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RED CROSS SEALS FOR SALE AT POSTOFFICE

Beginning today Red Cross seals can be secured at the Wilmington postoffice until the close of the Christmas holidays. It is hoped that no person will mail a letter or package without putting one of these seals on it. The proceeds from the sale go toward helping the fight against tuberculosis.

Mrs. Cuthbert Martin and Mrs. W. B. Schuler will be the chaperones at the postoffice today. The stamps will be sold by the young ladies of the city.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. S. McRae, of Maxton, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. D. L. Cuthrell, of Goldsboro, was registered at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. J. F. Woodward, of Warsaw, was registered at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. J. Mark Rhodes, of Hendersonville, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. W. M. Brice, of Atkinson, was a guest at the Hotel Wilmington last night.

—Mr. E. E. Carpenter, of Bolton, was registered at the Hotel Wilmington last night.

—Mr. Chas. E. Wood, Jr., of Raleigh, was a guest at the Hotel Wilmington last night.

—Mr. J. R. Council, of Wananish, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. W. R. Crawford, of Raleigh, was among the guests at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. J. B. Church, of Southport, was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. Hugh Farrior, of Rose Hill, was registered at the Hotel Wilmington last night.

—Mr. J. A. Barker, of Lumberton, spent yesterday in the city on business, a guest at the Orton.

—Capt. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, was a business visitor here yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. H. I. Fisher, of Rocky Mount, was a business visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. C. C. Wheeler, of Southport, was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Hotel Wilmington.

—Messrs. E. S. Smith, J. A. Cox and W. R. Parson, of Marion, were guests at the Hotel Wilmington last night.

—Mr. R. F. Williams, of Roseboro, was a business visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Hotel Wilmington.

—Mr. F. R. Wood, of Sumter, S. C., is visiting Policeman C. E. Wood, No. 514 North Third street. He brought along a fine wild turkey.

—The condition of Mr. R. N. Sweet, who was found on North Sixth street early Sunday morning in a partly unconscious condition, was reported last night as being improved. He is at the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Star has with the compliments of the Wilmington Grain and Provision Company, one of the handsomest calendars of the new year. The art design is especially pretty and attractive.

—James H. Kelly, colored, of Wrightsboro, states that he lost a handbag in the city yesterday containing about $25 in money and some papers with the name of his wife, Laura Kelly, on them.

—A case against V. Stone, charged with larceny by trick, which was to have been tried yesterday before Justice Harriss, has been continued until January 2nd. He has given bond for his appearance.

—Mr. G. W. Anderson, the wholesale provision dealer, has issued a most attractive 1915 calendar, a copy of which The Star has been fortunate enough to receive. The calendar is one of the handsomest of the season.

—B. Brady, white, was arrested yesterday by Constable Davis on a charge of having a gambling contrivance in his possession. The arrest is in connection with the raid made Saturday at Water and Market streets. He denies the charge. He will have a hearing tomorrow before Justice Harriss.

—Mr. J. R. Darden had his right hand injured and two of his ribs on left side fractured at Second and Dock streets when he fell over an electric wire which had been blown down early Sunday night. He was rendered unconscious for a few minutes. He was taken to Harper's Sanitarium for treatment and was able to be out yesterday.

—Thomas Beaty, an old colored man, was knocked down by a motorcycle on the Market street road, a mile from Wilmington yesterday morning. The machine is said to have been run by Mr. Bradford. He was badly bruised up and was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital for treatment. He was brought to the city by Mr. Henderson Cole, who happened to be passing.

MRS. S. S. BURRISS DEAD

Beloved Christian Woman Passed Away Last Night.

Many friends will learn with the deepest regret of the death of Mrs. S. S. Burriss which occurred last night at 9:30 o'clock. She was 62 years old. The funeral will be conducted from the residence, No. 420 Wright street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

She was a charter member of Southside Baptist church and was a woman of many Christian graces, being greatly beloved for her kind disposition.

Surviving her are her husband and three daughters, Mrs. G. E. Burnett and R. B. Moore, of Wilmington, and Mrs. W. C. Page, of Mt. Gilead; two brothers, Messrs. T. J. Hill, of Onslow county, and G. N. Hill, of Delgado, and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Allen, of this city. They will have the tender sympathy of many friends.

COUNTY OFFICERS GIVE BOND

Coroner John J. Fowler Declines to Qualify—Commissioners Consider Other Routine Matters.

All of the New Hanover county officers tendered their bonds and qualified for their new terms of office before the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon with the exception of Coroner John J. Fowler, who declined to qualify because of inadequate compensation. Constable J. H. Davis tendered a personal bond, but the board upon the advice of the County Attorney, declined to accept it. The bond of Mr. P. H. Rasberry, superintendent of the county home, also went over until next meeting, as it was made out for more than the amount required.

All of the bonds accepted were given through the National Surety Company, of New York, of which Mr. W. A. Dick is the local representative. In order to be absolutely sure that all of the bonds were made out in accordance with the requirements of the company, Mr. Dick requested Mr. Max T. Payne, of Greensboro, general agent for the company, to come to Wilmington, which he did, arriving here Sunday afternoon and spending several hours here yesterday morning.

All of the bonds after being approved by Kenan & Stacy, county attorneys, were approved by each member of the board and were ordered filed. After being informed thoroughly as to the circumstances the company issued a bond for Sheriff Cowan. They first stated that they would require Sheriff Cowan's deputies to be bonded, but finally waived this provision.

Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk of Superior Court, gave bond in the sum of $10,000, and Mr. John Haar, register of deeds, gave bond for a similar amount. Sheriff Cowan gave bond in the sum of $30,000. Of this $2,500 is a process bond, $17,500 is for county, school and special tax, and $10,000 for State taxes. Mr. J. A. Orrell's present bond does not expire until next May. The statute provides that the premiums shall be paid by the county.

Constable J. H. Davis tendered a personal bond for $1,000 but County Attorney Stacy held that only a surety bond could be accepted, unless the commissioners individually wished to become bondsmen for him. As a matter of safety for them he thought that they should require a surety bond. Constable Davis was requested to arrange for a surety bond by Thursday, if possible. Constable G. T. Smith, of Harnett township, gave bond in the sum of $1,000. Mr. H. K. Holden, county standard keeper, tendered a personal bond of $2,000. This was held over until Thursday.

The election of a successor to Coroner John J. Fowler was postponed until Thursday. In his letter declining to qualify for the office, Coroner Fowler expressed the hope that the commissioners would take some action to have the next Legislature make provision for compensation where the coroner has to make investigations and an inquest is not found necessary.

Upon recommendation of Commissioner Moore, who was appointed at the last meeting to look into the matter, Mr. S. C. Winner was appointed keeper of the Court House clock. He is to receive $48 a year.

Mr. Meares Harriss was appointed public and court stenographer and Commissioner Moore was authorized to arrange with him as to compensation. Mr. Harriss submitted two propositions, one being for a salary of $100 a month in which he agreed to make one original and one carbon copy of evidence in all Superior Court cases and at inquests and to make 60 multigraph copies of all court calendars. In this case he is to have all fees where he has to make copies of evidence in cases that are appealed to the Supreme Court. For a salary of $112.50 a month he agrees to make out copies of all cases of appeal, the fees for such work to go to the county.

The annual financial report of Mr. J. A. Orrell, county auditor and treasurer, was submitted and it was ordered that 500 copies of it be published in pamphlet form. The pamphlet is to include last year's report also.

The selection of an office in the Court House for the county and State solicitors was left with Commissioner Moore. Solicitor Peschau was present and stated that such an office was absolutely necessary if the business of the Recorder's court and Superior Court is looked after properly. He suggested that all criminal records might be kept in the office and stated that he would be glad to look after the records, provided he had some place in which to file the papers.

Chairman Willard submitted to the board a number of warrants made out by the sheriff to special deputies which he said he had not signed for the reason that he did not see how a regular deputy could be appointed a special deputy. The warrants were made out to Deputy Sheriffs E. C. Reynolds, A. L. Kelly and J. M. Branch on the form usually used for such appointments. They were signed by Judge Oliver H. Allen. No action was taken and they were left with the clerk.

Register of Deeds Haar appeared before the board to inform the members that he had been told by attorneys that he was liable to be sued because he was keeping two sets of indexes in his office. His office changed over to a new system of keeping indexes the first of the year. The old indexes have never been changed. The commissioners did not seem to think that anything wrong was being done and doubt was expressed as to whether it can be said that two indexes are being made, for all papers now entered are indexed according to the new system.

Several adjustments in the assessment of property were ordered made upon the recommendation of County Auditor Orrell.

Examining Accountant's Report.

The report of Mr. Albert H. Marsh, public accountant and auditor, of Augusta, Ga., who recently completed an examination of the books of Mr. J. A. Orrell, county treasurer and auditor, was read and ordered placed on file. He approved all the auditor's financial statements on their face and found the books to be kept in a most efficient manner. The report in full follows:

"Gentlemen:—Pursuant to your instructions, I have examined the books and accounts of your County Auditor and Treasurer for the (twelve) months ended November 30th, 1914, and I wish to make the following comment in regard to same.

"I have carefully examined all financial records and the results embodied in the annual report of your county auditor and treasurer are correct and I have approved his statements on their face. His report covers general county transactions. I examined his accounts with the Board of Education only to the extent of verifying his receipts from the various county offices and to see that his disbursements were properly substantiated.

"The system of accounts that you now have are well arranged and in such a manner as to truly reflect the financial condition of the county at all times, as nearly approximating ordinary commercial methods as practicable. You have an intelligent direction over the affairs of the county in every detail at all times.

"In my report of last year I referred to the large amount of delinquent taxes on real estate outstanding, amounting to an apparent estimate of $25,000. These delinquents extend over a long period and the amount remains today practically the same. In my opinion, the most efficacious means of decreasing this amount is by the passage of an act by the General Assembly requiring payment of back taxes before conveyance of property can be made. Reference to Exhibit 'N' (Auditor's report) shows the urgent need of such legislation. You will note that there was $231,411 of real estate (and personal carried with it) sold for taxes, on which school and county taxes amounted to $1,905.28. This is a very bad condition of affairs and should be remedied.

"On December 1st, Messrs. Orrell, Burnett and myself visited the County Home and the various convict camps and took a careful inventory of county property at each place in detail, and these figures were used in the preparation of your County Auditor's report.

"In conclusion, I wish to thank the various officers and employes of the various departments for the courtesy and assistance rendered to my assistant and myself in the course of this examination.

"Respectfully submitted,
"ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
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HAVE ATTRACTIVE WINDOW.

Varied Display of Holiday Goods at Cape Fear Hardware.

Among the many attractive window displays now to be seen in the shopping district is that of the Cape Fear Hardware Company on North Front street. The windows are tastefully and artistically arranged and add much to the Christmas atmosphere now prevailing in the downtown section.

The goods on display in the windows are many and varied, and combine the qualities of usefulness and attractiveness, a fact which makes a selection from them comparatively easy to the Christmas shoppers.

Young People Married.

Miss Lula Whitehurst, of Wrightsboro, and Mr. Rennie Blake, of Sloop Point, were married Sunday at the home of Mr. E. R. Rivenbark, on Brunswick street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. They returned to Sloop Point, where they will make their home.

Grey Top Patent Leather Shoes.
Leather and felt slippers just received at Peterson & Rulfs.—advertisement. 2t

THEATRICAL

Without doubt the Victoria Theatre, Wilmington's handsomest amusement spot, as well as most comfortable, is now doing the most stupendous thing the folks of this city have ever known. It opened its new week yesterday in great way and played to large audiences. Not only was a wonderful show of five reels of costly films presented, but the Victoria sprung quite a big and most pleasing surprise by presenting the well known illustrated song balladist, Mr. Joe Corbett, who possesses a fine baritone and made a big hit with every one present. In addition to this the Victoria yesterday inaugurated the contest whereby it will make a Christmas present of a handsome talking doll and $10 in gold.

Today another stupendous offering will take place. There will not be one special release film, but two of them. Each will be of great importance, too, as star and popular artists will appear. Charming, clever Lillian Walker, who is one of the biggest of screen favorites, will appear in a Vitagraph two-reel sensation, "In the Land of Arcadia," and she will be supported by a star cast. It is something wonderfully clever. Following this will come a sensational three-part photoplay, "Love, Luck and Gasoline." Now this is one of the biggest of all hits and it will serve up laughs in big chunks. This is well evidenced by the fact that fat, clever John Bunny will lead the notable cast that will appear in this big production.

Balladist Corbett will also today introduce one of his biggest hits. So it can be seen that today is going to be a gala occasion. However, the same old 5 cents admission will prevail.

Grand Open Again.

"Prettiest thing in Wilmington," "What a big improvement," "Isn't it just darling," "My, how comfortable and roomy." These were just a few of the delighted expressions that folks gave vent to yesterday as they crowded the New Grand. This handsome theatre, which has been so greatly improved, being enlarged, re-decorated, new and beautiful lights installed and rows of seats placed so far apart as to permit people passing without those seated having to arise, re-opened yesterday. Big crowds of old friends were on hand to give the New Grand a hearty reception and, in turn, be immensely delighted by their favorite theatre.

The New Grand is certainly a "peach" to use a trite expression. It in every way measures up to the big claims made for it and there is probably not a cozier, nor a prettier moving picture theatre anywhere. The comfort of the Grand is a big feature, and no matter if the mercury scoots down to freezing, or even below today, this theatre will be as warm as a toast.

Speaking of today, why the New Grand has an immense show on. There will be six reels of the greatest films on today's bill, each the latest product of the General Film Company, makers of the world's greatest films and for which the management of the New Grand is paying a big price.

Among the leaders of today's six reels of films will be the Biograph's exceptionally clever photoplay, "A Better Understanding," with a notable cast, including Irene Howley and Jack Mulhall, and "Within Three Hundred Pages," Essanay's great detective story. The other film today will be just as tremendous successes. Notwithstanding the size of the show the price of admission will be but 5 cents.

Six Big Reels at Bijou.

Six reels of "The Incomparable Movies" should be sufficient to pack Wilmington's Cozy Corner from pit to dome today. That's exactly what will be on tap at the popular photoplay house for its thousands of patrons today starting at 1 P. M. and holding open house until 11 P. M. The Bijou is absolutely determined to live up to their reputation as the leading purveyors of the biggest value in both quantity and quality of motion pictures, and are booking some of the biggest features to be obtained at any price in order that there may be no chance of falling short at any time.

Today's bill is headed by that great two-reel Imp human interest feature drama, "The Coward," and depicts the hardest fight a man of action can make, the coward turning out in the end as the real hero. And playing the leading role in this big feature is popular Dorothy Phillips with Alex Gaden, and this alone insures something right "up to snuff". It is full of tense and interesting situations and is strongly dramatic throughout, with a strong human interest theme that will appeal to every one who witnesses it.

Coming next on the bill for today is another great two-reel feature, a Mutual. "Jailbirds," is a thrilling and exciting dramatic feature in two full reels, and featured in the leading roles are three of the biggest of all Mutual stars, Jack Richardson, William Garwood, and Vivian Rich. There are no less than a half dozen other bright stars playing big parts in this Mutual masterpiece, making it one of the most desirable offerings of all.

The fifth reel is the 39th chapter of "Our Mutual Girl", the most thrilling of all chapters yet, in which Margaret has a very narrow escape from death.

The sixth big reel is a rousing L-Ko comedy, "The Blighted Spaniard" featuring Peggy Pearce and Wallace MacDonald.

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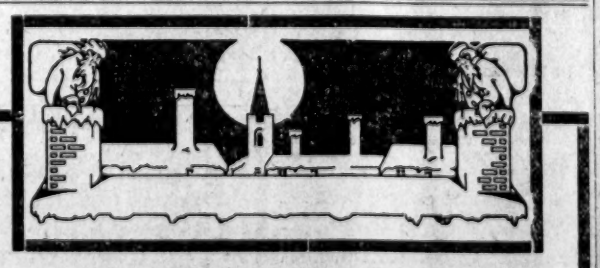
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Rifles—Hamilton, $1.50, $2.00; Air, Shoot Shot, 25c, 75c, $1.25 and $2.00; "Little Scout," .22 calibre, $1.75; Repeating, 15-shot, $8.50 to $12.00.
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

STEADIER TONE IN COTTON

New York Market Closes at 12 to 13 Points Net Advance—Sellers Comparatively Few.

New York, Dec. 14.—A steadier tone in cotton at the close of last week again was in evidence today. There seemed to be comparatively few sellers around the ring with prices working a few points higher on a scattering demand from shorts, trade interests, and investors. The close was steady at 12 to 13 points net advance.

The market opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points in sympathy with steadier Liverpool cables. December notices, estimated at about 2,000 bales were in circulation but seemed to be accompanied by more covering than liquidation, as December soon sold some 10 points over Saturday's figures while later months worked up on foreign buying and a moderate demand from commission houses.

There was a steady scattering demand with mank contracts selling up to 7.50 in the late trading. Last prices were within a point or two of the best.

The absence of important hedge selling was considered one of the chief factors on the advance. The census figures on supply and distribution indicated a falling off in domestic mill consumption for November and large stocks in independent warehouses, but these features were modified by the comparatively small stocks of raw cotton in the hands of manifacturers at the close of last month.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 7.35; Gulf 7.60; sales 200.

Cotton closed steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	7.00	7.05	7.04	7.10
March	7.31	7.32	7.21	7.31
May	7.57	7.50	7.37	7.49
July	7.52	7.65	7.51	7.64
October	7.80	7.94	7.80	7.92

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 7; receipts, 12,906; exports, 8,298; sales, 1,735; stock, 288,729.

Galveston — Middling, 7¼; receipts, 23,096; exports, 22,856; sales, 1,000; stock, 374,873.

Mobile—Middling, 6 13-16; receipts, 922; sales, 300; stock, 42,377.

Savannah — Middling, 6⅞; receipts, 17,632; exports, 6,652; sales, 3,695; stock, 252,503.

Charleston—Middling, 6¾; receipts, 2,981; exports, 5,500; stock, 106,982.

Wilmington—Middling, 6⅝; receipts, 2,183; stock, 42,559.

Norfolk—Middling, 6⅞; receipts, 6,764; sales, 893; stock, 67,745.

Baltimore—Middling, 7¼; stock, 6,508.

Boston—Middling, 7.30; receipts, 182; stock, 7,100.

Philadelphia—Middling, 7.60; stock, 4,930.

New York—Middling, 7.35; exports, 1,096; sales, 200; stock, 73,266.

Minor Ports—Exports, 7,612; stock, 34,659.

Total today—Receipts, 56,666; exports, 52,014; stock, 1,306,231.

Total for week—Receipts, 129,446; exports, 114,167.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,608,156; exports, 1,854,845.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 42,085; shipments, 39,440; sales, 3,510; stock, 160,969.

Memphis—Middling, 7; receipts, 10,643; shipments, 5,377; sales, 2,500; stock, 263,234.

Augusta—Middling, 7; receipts, 2,942; shipments, 1,824; sales, 1,425; stock, 157,312.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 1,443; shipments, 738; stock, 34,462.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,056; shipments, 1,207; stock, 4,008.

Little Rock—Middling, 6⅞; receipts, 1,682; shipments, 262; stock, 53,666.

Dallas—Middling, 6 11-16; sales, 5,000.

Total today—Receipts, 59,831; shipments, 48,848; stock, 673,591.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Cotton, spot, in moderate inquiry; prices steady. American middling fair, 5.15; good middling, 4.53; middling, 4.29; low middling, 3.82; good ordinary, 3.20; ordinary, 2.75.

Sales, 8,000 bales, including 6,900 American and 1,500 for speculation and export. Receipts, none.

Futures closed steady. May and June, 4.08½; July and August, 4.14½; October and November, 4.25; January and February, 4.30½.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14. — Cotton seed oil was firm, early, reflecting the firmness in crude as well as lard and cotton, but the list generally sagged off under scattered liquidation and lack of outside support. Final prices were three points lower to two net higher. Sales, 4,800 barrels.

The market closed steady. Spot, 576 bid. December, 575@578; January, 584@585; February, 597@599; March, 608@609; April, 616@618; May, 628@630; June, 6.47@6.48; July, 6.51@6.52.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Hogs, steady. Bulk, 6.45@7.15; light, 6.45@7.10; mixed, 6.45@7.15; heavy, 6.60@7.15; rough, 6.60@6.75; pigs, 5.00@7.15.

Cattle—Weak. Native steers, 5.50@10.75; Western, 5.15@8.25; cows and heifers, 3.10@8.25. Calves, 6.00@8.75.

Sheep — Firm. Sheep, 5.25@6.50; yearlings, 6.40@7.60; lambs, 6.50@8.60.

FINANCIAL QUOTATIONS.

New York, Dec. 14.—Mercantile paper, 4¼@4½; sterling exchange, steady; sixty day bills, 4.8450; for cables, 4.8775; for demand, 4.8715. Bar silver, 49¾.

Mexican dollars, 38¼; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, strong. Time loans, steady; sixty and ninety days, 4; six months, 4@4¼.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14. — Cotton goods revisions continued today. A more active trade was reported in bleached cottons. Yarns were weak. Dress goods were quiet. Raw silk was steady to firm, at slight advances.

Gray Top Patent Leather Shoes.

Leather and felt slippers just received at Peterson & Ruffs.—advertisement. 3t

DECLINES IN ALL CEREALS

Wheat Closes Steady, But ⅛ to ⅝ Under Saturday Night's Close—Cables Were Quite Bullish.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Unexpected enlargement of the United States visible supply total acted as more than an offset in wheat today for an advance due mainly to bullish cables. The market closed steady, but ⅛ to ¼ to ¼, and oats a shade to @⅝. Provisions gained 5 to 10c.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat—December, 1.18; May, 1.21⅝.

Corn—December, 63; May, 69¼.

Oats—December, 47⅞; May, 51⅞.

Pork—January, 18.10; May, 18.60.

Lard—January, 9.80; May, 10.07.

Ribs—January, 9.87; May, 10.20.

Cash grain:

Wheat — No. 2, red, 1.18½@1.19¼; No. 2, hard, 1.18¾@1.19¼.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, new, 63¾@64½.

Oats—No. 2, white, 48¼@49¼; standard, 49¼@50.

MARINE.

Cleared.

Schr. Hope Sherwood, 522 tons, Colbreth, New York, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Str. Henry Williams, Georgetown, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

Str. Seminole, Packer, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

Exports—Coastwise.

Schooner Hope Sherwood, Colbreth, master; for New York; 883,000 feet lumber, shipped by Hammer Lumber Co.; vessel by C. D. Maffitt & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Alcana (Ital.), 2,246 tons, Ghiglione, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,389 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 3,873 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Str. Regin (Nor.), 1,107 tons, Lykka, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett; C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Frank E. Swain, 348 tons, Haskell, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 43c.

ROSIN—Steady; large, $3.20; small, $3.05.

TAR — Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 5½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41½; rosin, firm, $3.45; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude, firm, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	0
Rosin	100
Tar	45
Crude Turpentine	1

Receipts same day last year—Crude turpentine, 11 casks; rosin, 54 barrels; tar, 52 barrels; crude turpentine, 6 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 6¾c; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 2,160 bales; same day last year, 2,402 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 71,612 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 292,098 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 14.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,946 bales cotton; 100 barrels rosin; 45 barrels tar; 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—199 bales cotton.

Str. Whitlock—1 bale cotton.

Str. Thelma—14 bales cotton.

Total—3,160 bales cotton; 100 barrels rosin; 45 barrels tar; 1 barrel crude turpentine.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¾c. to 2¾c. per lb.

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14. — Cotton — Middling—Raleigh, 6¼; Fayetteville, 6½; Charlotte, 6¾; Norfolk, 6⅞.

WILL RESTORE ALL SHARES

First Full Day of Open Stock Dealings an Unqualified Success—Stocks to be Added Today.

New York, Dec. 14.—The unqualified success today of the first full session of open stock dealings caused stock exchange authorities to decide to restore all shares to the list tomorrow. The issues thus placed in the open market include such internationals as Great Northern, Southern Pacific, Canadian Pacific, New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio, as well as other issues of speculative importance.

This action was taken to indicate that all fear of foreign liquidation was at an end. It removed virtually all restrictions in force since July 30th, except those which apply to cash dealings and sales under minimum prices. These will be continued as necessary safeguards against concerted or professional selling.

From start to finish today's movement was upward. Especial activity in coppers was ascribed to a variety of causes, including better trade prospects, their relatively low prices and their speculative position.

Long before it became known that the ban was to be lifted from the international list those shares moved up from 2 to 4 points over Saturday. So far as it was possible to judge from surface conditions, Europe was in no sense a factor in the day's operations. The day's business amounted to $226,000 shares.

Routine news was in keeping with the movement of stocks. The financial community again was encouraged by unofficial advices respecting prospects for increased freight rates.

German exchange again was heavy, marks falling to 89 1-4 as against 93 the middle of last week. Bills on London were a fraction lower.

Total bond sales with a strong market in speculative issues amounted to $2,627,000.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Monday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 50c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$22.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¼c to 5c. Fancy Head, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5¼c; lower grades, usual differences.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 12.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Fluctuates But Closes at Considerable Net Advance.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—Cotton opened at an advance today but better prices were met by increased selling which caused slight weakness around the middle of the day. After that the market gained strength and closed within a point or two of the top, at a net gain of 7 to 13 points.

In the morning better cable news from Liverpool than expected caused a rise of half a dozen points in the face of bearish comment regarding the monthly consumption report issued by the census bureau. Bulls, however, contended that with consumption only 36,000 bales lower during November than for the same month last year, the situation was encouraging among American mills.

The posting of the day's clearances, coupled with talk of heavy end of December exports caused a quick turn in the market. Total shipments for the day were 75,659 bales, while total receipts at all ports were only 56,666 bales. Total foreign exports were 52,014 bales, making shipments for the season 1,854,845.

Spot cotton quiet; quotations revised. Sales 750 bales; to arrive 1,035. Cotton futures closing: January 7.02; March 7.15; May 7.33; July 7.51; October 7.81.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	56⅜
American Can	27⅛
American Car and Foundry	46
American Cotton Oil	40
American Smelting	60⅝
American Snuff	148
American Sugar	107
American Tel. and Tel	117¾
American Tobacco	221
Atchison	95½
Canadian Pacific	161⅝
Central Leather	36
Chesapeake and Ohio	45
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	91⅝
Erie	23½
General Electric	141
Great Northern, pfd	117
Interborough-Met., pfd	53
Kansas City Southern	22⅛
Lehigh Valley	137⅝
Louisville and Nashville	126
Liggett and Myers	11
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	11⅞
Missouri Pacific	10⅛
New York Central	84⅛
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	56⅛
Norfolk and Western	101
Northern Pacific	104½
Pennsylvania	109¼
Reading	150⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	20
Rock Island Co	1⅛
Rock Island Co., pfd	1½
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	2¼
Seaboard Air Line	15
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	23¼
Southern Pacific	88½
Southern Railway	16⅞
Southern Railway, pfd	64
Tennessee Copper	33⅜
Texas Co	137½
United States Steel	54⅛
United States Steel, pfd	104⅝
Utah Copper	50⅜
Western Union	59¼

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 14. — Turpentine — Firm, 44. Sales, 127; receipts, 204; shipments, 80; stocks, 33,020.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 462; receipts, 1,041; shipments, 3,266; stocks, 132,305. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, 3.35 to 3.40; H, 3.40; I, 3.55; K, 4.05; M, 4.50; N, 5.40; W G, 5.70; W W, 5.90.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14. — Sugar—Raw, steady. Molasses sugar, 3.24; centrifugal, 3.89; refined, steady.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Steady.

Coffee—Firm. Rio, No. 7, 7¾@7¾; Santos, No. 4, 10¼.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 15, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 37 degrees; at 8 P. M., 42 degrees; maximum, 49 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 43 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.20 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 7.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and colder on the coast; Wednesday, fair.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 15, 1914.

Sun rises	7:10 A. M.
Sun sets	5:04 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	8:14	8:26	2:54	3:39
Southport	5:56	6:17	12:32	11:53
Masonboro Inl	5:45	6:06	12:13	11:33

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 14, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	Clear	36	16	.0
Asheville	Clear	26	26	.01
Atlanta	Clear	30	30	.8
Augusta	Clear	42	36	0.
Birmingham	Clear	28	28	0.
Boston	Clear	42	38	.90
Charleston	Clear	48	38	.0
Charlotte	Clear	40	28	.0
Chicago	Clear	4	0	.0
Galveston	Clear	40	28	.0
Jaxville	Cloudy	48	44	.0
Memphis	Clear	22	14	.0
Mobile	Clear	40	36	.0
Montgo'y	Clear	36	36	.0
N. Orleans	Clear	40	36	.0
New York	Clear	38	32	.46
Pittsburg	Clear	22	20	.08
Raleigh	Clear	42	32	.0
Savannah	cloudy	48	40	.0
Shreveport	clear	32	20	.0
St. Louis	clear	14	4	.0
Washing'n	clear	38	32	.01

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Lv. Chattanooga	9:25 p.m.	Lv. Nashville	3:11 a.m.
Ar. Nashville	1:40 a.m.	Ar. Chattanooga	7:28 a.m.
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Lv. Durham	7:00a.m.	5:30p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45a.m.	7:00p.m.
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In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:20 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:26 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:6 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:35 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	c1:45 P. M.
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3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:25 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:31 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 6:30 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at 9:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ‡ 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. ‡ 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:00 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:00 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:30 P.M.
No. 55. * 3:35 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West, Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 39. ‡ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. ‡10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

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General Frank McIntyre, of Bureau of Insular Affairs is First Witness —Reed and Weeks Oppose Present Form.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Important amendments to the House Philippine bill were indicated today when the Senate Philippine committee began its preliminary review of the measure with General Frank McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, in the War Department, as first witness. General McIntyre said the department had a number of recommendations to submit for changes. Questions by both Democrats and Republicans indicated a determination to scan the bill closely before giving it approval.

The measure is designed to give the Philippine legislature greater power through the substitution of a senate of 24 members for the present Philippine commission, and extension of control to the Legislature over many mattres affecting the islands shrdlupujnpjpun veto of the President of the United States.

The House bill gives the Philippine legislature control over immigration. Senator Reed insisted that under the bill any nation could colonize in a way prejudicial to the United States if the Legislature so authorized. General McIntyre said the acts of the legislature would be subject to the veto power of the President. Senator Reed mentioned Japan as a nation possibly seeking such colonization, but declared he did so "purely as a matter of illustration."

Senator Weeks said he believed specific limitations as to the amount of public domain lands which could be granted to any person or corporation should be contained in the bill. In new countries, he said, large grants to certain interests often had been made. "That is the whole basis of the trouble in Mexico," he added.

General McIntyre pointed out that any act of Legislature would be up to "presidential veto."

CONGRESSMAN KITCHIN WILL HAVE OPPOSITION

Continued From Page One.

cause they knew the President wanted the measures passed.

With Claude Kitchin it has been different. He has studied every bill that came before Congress and cast his vote in accordance with his convictions. He opposed the repeal of the bill admittinf American coastwise ships through the Panama Canal free. The President had his mind set on the repeal of this bill and finally carried it through both houses. Kitchin voted against it, as did also Speaker Champ Clark, Leader Underwood and many other leading Democrats. The Democratic platform adopted at Baltimore pledged their country to the free passage of American coastwise ships. Kitchin has never voted against the Democratic platform.

Kitchin opposed the taxing of freight in the war tax measure; the President was for it. Kitchin won on it. Kitchen is opposed to the ship purchase bill and the President favors it. This latter legislation has not been disposed of.

If a majority leader was to be selected by the present membership of the House the North Carolinian could beat any man who showed his head above water by a two to one majority. The complexion of the next House owing to the vote of the peple in the November election, will be materially changed. Some of Kitchin's following goes out March 4. What the new members will do is hard to say.

Just now, however, it looks like the same kind of a fight that was started against Senator Simmons for Chairman of the Senate finance committee. Many enthusiastic senators who have never been heard of since gave out interviews that Simmons would be licked because he had not supported each and every Democratic measure when the Democrats were in the minority. Simmons won in a walk. Kitchin is more popular in the House than Simmons was in the Senate. He has more personal following.

The President has issued an executive order placing Mrs. Sallie G. Jones, widow of Robert Tyler Jones, under the civil service regulations. The President acted upon the request of Representatives Webb and Page. Robert Tyler was a grandson of President Tyler, who is said to have been the only man child ever born in the Whtie House.

Col. John S. Cunningham, of Durham, recently appointed "crop forecaster" for North Carolina, is here conferring with government officials. The colonel will make reports on everything produced in the State.

Senator Overman has introduced a bill increasing the appropriation for a public building at Wilson from $75,000 to $125,000. This is made necessary because of Federal court being held at that place.

Joseph G. Brown, president of the Raleigh Citizens' bank, is here attending a conference on the Wade cotton plan fund.

"The fund will put at the disposal of the cotton people of the South $135,000,000 if they want it," said the Raleigh banker, when asked if he thought the fund would benefit the cotton people. "The money is therefore theirs f they want it. The movement has already had a great and good effect in the South."

B. T. Lassiter, chairman of Granville county executive committee, is here.

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CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.

James Pittman, Colored, Alleged to Have Entered House.

James Pittman, colored, will be arraigned before the Recorder this morning on a charge of burglary, it being alleged that he entered the home of Lula Brunckley, colored, No. 916 Love's alley, last night whele she and the other members of the family were asleep. Officers B. W. Jacobs and Frank George arrested him upon their complaint. It was stated that he used a box and went in at the window. The negro had nothing to say about the matter. He is about 18 years old.

Have you joined the 1915 Savings Club at the American National Bank? —advertisement. tf

BICKETT RECOMMENDS SUIT IN PARTITION CASE

Evidence in A. & Y. Matter Before Attorney General

Attorney General of State Recommends That Action Be Brought to Annul Dismemberment of Wilmington-Mt. Airy Line.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Attorney-General T. W. Bickett, officially laid before United States Attorney General Gregory today his recommendation that the latter institute proceedings for the annulment of the receivership sale of the old Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railway in 1898 and its subsequent dismemberment through which that part from Wilmington to Sanford and Fayetteville to Bennettsville became part of the Atlantic coast Line system and that section from Sanford to Mount Airy a part of the Southern. In the same connection Attorney General Bickett tenders any suit the United States district attorney sees fit to institute.

The 1913 Legislature passed resolutions directing the Corporation Commission to investigate the sale and partition of the road and report findings to the attorney general and it is on the strength of the finding of the Corporation Commission that the recommendation is sent to the United States district attorney.

Attorney General Bickett also submits to Attorney General Gregory the findings of the Corporation Commission and a history of the building of the railroad and an analysis of evidence and brief on the law prepared by A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, which he commends to the United States district attorney.

The ground on which Attorney General Bickett would have the sale of the railroad set aside is that is was a violation of the degree of the circuit court of the United States against dismemberment and in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. He asserts that the sale can be set aside without any injury to innocent parties.

The insistence is made that, even if it should be held that the road was an intrastate enterprise, it was engaged in interstate traffic to the extent of hauling 65 per cent. of the interstate commerce at Greensboro and 85 per cent. at Fayetteville, making the combination between Southern and Atlantic Coast Line officials to purchase and partition later a contract in restraint of trade under the Sherman anti-trust law, and, that the result has been to defeat the objects for which the road was built and that induced the State and municipalities to make generous appropriations for construction of the road.

MOVEMENT STARTED HERE

Chairman Taylor Advised of Attorney General's Action.

Those who recall the movement several years ago for an investigation of the dismemberment of the old Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad, which movement had its inception with the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, will be interested to know now that legislation effected at the recent session of the North Carolina General Assembly has just culminated in report made to the Department of Justice at Washington by the attorney general, recommending that suit be instituted to nullify the dismemberment and restore the road to its own entity.

Chairman J. A. Taylor, of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and who was foremost in urging the movement and preparing the plan of campaign along which the investigation was made, yesterday received a letter from Hon. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, special advisor to the attorney general, stating that the investigation had been completed and the findings are that the dismemberment was in express violation of the decrees of the United States Supreme Court and also repugnant to the spirit and letter of the Sherman act. The report of the attorney general recommends that suit be instituted at once and that the dismemberment be at the earliest possible time nullified.

It will be recalled that when the matter was first brought to the attention of the Legislature some years ago, it encountered a barrier of "senatorial courtesy," or some such fate, and was held over until the last session when Representative Woodus Kellum got through an act at the request of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, authorizing the attorney general to investigate fully all the circumstances of the case and if the facts were found favorable to a suit nullifying the dismemberment, to refer the case at once to the Department of Justice at Washington with recommendation that suit be brought.

Attorney General Bickett secured the services of Mr. Brooks, of Greensboro, to assist in the investigation and he has worked assiduously to the end that the case has been well prepared and goes to the department at Washington in what is considered an altogether favorable light to the shipping interests affected. Of course, it is hardly likely that anything drastic will be attempted at the present time, in view of conditions, but that an important victory has been gained by the local Chamber of Commerce in pushing the matter to a successful conclusion goes without saying.

DEFEAT OF AUSTRIAN ARMY IN SERVIA IS DANDIDLY ADMITTED

(Continued From Page One.)

OFFICIAL FROM PETROGRAD.

"No Engagements of Importance on Any of the Fronts."

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The general staff of the Russian army has given out the following communication under date of Sunday, December 13th:

"There has been no engagement of importance on any of the fronts. In the region of Mlawa we continue to force back the German troops, who are in retreat.

"On the left wing of the river Vistula there has been no change.

"In the region of Mount Buekla, Austrian columns are coming down the northern slope of the Carpathians."

London, Dec. 14.—Johnny Summers, holder of the Lord Lonsdale belt, was knocked out in the ninth round by Sergeant Basham, in a contest at the National Sporting Club tonight for the welterweight championship of Great Britain.

NEW YORK AMERICAN CLUB SOLD TO COL. RUPPERT

Price Paid is About $450,000—No Interest in Federals.

French Lick, Ind., Dec. 14.—The New York American club has been sold to Col Jacob Ruppert. The price is about $450,000. Col. Ruppert will not acquire any interest in the Federal League.

This is the substance of statements here today by Col. Ruppert and James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, who conferred regarding the proposed establishment of a Federal League club in New York. After the conference Col. Ruppert said:

"I already have taken over the Yankees. The price is the only thing that remains to be settled. This probably will be about $450,000.

"I am afriad we were too late," said Mr. Gilmore, "as Col. Ruppert already has purchased the Yankees. I shall return to Chicago and try to find another backer for the New York club. I may interest Pat Harahan and Mr. Seelbach, of Louisville."

Washington, Dec. 14.—Governor Goethals' reiterated request for destroyers to enforce neutrality laws in the Canal Zone was the subject of a conference today between Secretary of War Garrison, Counsellor Lansing of the State Department, and Rear Admiral Fiske, chief of the navy's bureau of operations. No decision was made and it was indicated tonight that, because of the delicacy of questions involved and the scant information furnished by Col. Goethals it might be several days before any action was taken.

To Have Smooth, White, Soft Skin All Winter

Does your skin chap or roughen easily in this weather, or become unduly red or blotchy? Let me tell you a quick, easy way to overcome the trouble and keep your complexion beautifully white, smooth and soft the winter long. Just get an ounce of ordinary mercolized wax at the nearest drug store and use a little before retiring, as you would cold cream. Upon arising, remove the coating with suday water. The wax, through some peculiar attribute, flecks off the rough, discolored or blemished skin. The worn-out cuticle comes off just like dandruff on a diseased scalp, only in almost invisible particles. Mercolized wax simply hastens Nature's work. Used as required, it keeps the face constantly free from devitalized scarf skin and only the healthy, young-looking skin is in evidence. It's the best treatment known for weatherbeaten, aged, muddy, freckled, pimpled and all unbeautiful complexions.

Some skins wrinkle easily in winter. There's an excellent remedy in a harmless wash lotion made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered saxolite in ½ pint witch hazel. This will quickly eradicate every line.—The Woman Beautiful.

Business Locals

FOR RENT—THREE ROOMS COMPLETELY furnished for light housekeeping. All modern conveniences. Phone 702-J., or apply at 308 Grace St. de15-1t*

NOTICE—IT WILL PAY YOU TO phone 817 before placing your order for your Christmas turkey. The New Way Market, Front and Market Sts. de15-1t*

LOST—SOMEWHERE ON THE LOOP, possibly near the Masonboro road, the dust hood to a Ford machine. Suitable reward if returned to McMillan Garage. de15-1t*

SEA GATE — FIVE ROOM COTTAGE for sale. Built 3 years ago; good water, growing garden, all in nice condition. Near the station and churches. A very desirable location. Thos. F. Bagley. de15-2t

FARMS — WE HAVE SEVERAL NICE farms for sale at bargain prices. Terms easy. Brown Mercantile Co., Chadbourn, N. C. de15-1t

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FOR SALE — FAMILY HORSE, perfectly gentle, buggy and spring wagon. L. D. Latta. de15-1t*

FOR SALE OR RENT — 80-ACRE farm with good buildings, 2 1-2 miles of Currie. F. B. Orr, Currie, N. C. de15-6t

HOUSEWIVES — SAY "PERFECT" IN sanitation. This means you are safe in buying here. Everything for Christmas, and at shockingly cash prices. 'Phone 672. Cape Fear Cash Grocery, 109 South Front street. de15-1t

LOST — ONE LIVER-COLORED POIN-ter. Answers to name of "Duke." Without collar. If found, call 273. de15-1t*

A LADY WHO ORDERED ONE OF OUR fruit cakes for Christmas said yesterday "It was so good I just couldn't keep it." So she had to buy another one. There's no getting around it—the Royal Line is "Away above everything." 'Phone your orders early. Royal Baking Co., 'Phone 246. de15-1t

CONSIDER FOLLOWING PRICES: — Shelled admonds, fancy, 55c.; shelled walnuts, 65c. lb.; shelled pecans, 65c. lb.; dates, 10c. box; currants, 10c. box; fancy citron, orange peel; cranberries, 2 quarts 15c; mincemeat, 10c.; plum pudding, at May Bros.' Delicatessen, 130 Market street; 'Phone 1322. de15-3t

WE ARE DIRECT RECEIVERS OF all kinds Delicatessen twice weekly. Something new, "Roast Pork," blood pudding, ham bologna, head cheese, extra fine imported salami; nice lean bacon, sliced, 25c lb. Home made sauer kraut and lots of other delicacies. All kinds imported and domestic cheese. Full line of groceries, vegetables, etc., at May Bros.' Delicatessen, 130 Market street. 'Phone 1322. de15-3t

CHRISTMAS WREATHS, CUT FLOW-ers, Galax wreaths, 50c up; Freize wreaths, stars, crescents, crosses in red and green. Order now. 'Phone 1433-J. Mrs. L. P. Fowler, Florist. de15-1t*

ONE DAY ONLY—BONELESS BREAK-fast bacon, 22c lb.; Shafer hams, 19c.; grape fruit, 7 for 25c.; 3 tall cans evaporated milk, 25c.; 50c bottles olives, 34c, at C. H. Bornemann's; 'Phone 553. de15-1t*

LATEST STYLE DOLLS NOW ON DIS-play. Toys of every description, doll carriages, drums, velocipedes, air rifles, wagons, rocking horses, ranges, pianos, Irish mail hand cars. Also a full assortment of fireworks, at C. H. Bornemann's, Seventh and Orange. de15-1t*

LARGE FRESH EGGS, 35c. DOZ.: EV-ery one guaranteed; good eggs are scarce, and will be higher before Christmas. Prompt delivery. C. S. Britt, 'Phone 460. de15-1t*

WANTED — SMALL CASH REGISTER, one drawer. Address, giving price, condition and where can be seen, Cash Register, Star Office. de15-3t

WANTED — BARBER, WHITE. MUST be first class, otherwise save stamps. J. E. Cowell, 21 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C. de15-4t*

FOR RENT — THE 11-ROOM HOUSE, 113 North Seventh street, modern and in good condition. Also 5-room house, 310 Wright street, at reduced rent. Apply at 110 South Fifth street. 'Phone 650-J. de15-1t*

WANTED — MEN, COME SOUTH. WE will teach you the barber trade in few weeks and give you position in our shops. Tools free; all for $30. Terms, $15 down, $15 in ten days. Make money while learning. Write us today. Jacksonville Barber College, 822 W. Bay street, Jacksonville, Fla. de15-tu,f,su-tf

LOST — BETWEEN FIFTH AND Swann and Third and Walnut, ladies' hand bag, containing $25 in money, receipts for Eastern Star Lodge at Wrightsboro. Please return to D. F. Tolar, Fifth and Swann. Jas. Kelly, Wrightsboro, N. C. de15-1t

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS BUSI-ness. Tell 'em what you have. Multigraph letters will do it. Harriss Typewriting and Advertising Co. de15,tu,th,f,su-tf

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WE HAVE EVERYTHING GOOD TO eat. Extra choice native beef, veal, lamb and pork. Nice dressed chickens; fish roe, Norfolk oysters. Snap beans, cucumbers, lettuce and celery. Cranberries 10c quart, all goods sold for cash. Quick delivery. Palace Market, 108 S. Front street, Phone 72. de 12-tf

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OPEN NEXT SATURDAY AT 6 P. M. from 9 to 10:30, the three bowling alleys will be occupied by ladies only, and up to twelve o'clock, if they wish. Wilmington Bowling Alley Co., 107 North Second street. de8-tf

HIGH CLASS JEWELRY, SUCH AS diamonds, watches, bracelets, necklaces, etc., you will find at the old reliable Uncle Charles', at No. 6 South Front street. 'Phone 642. de8-tf

BOYS' BRIGADE LYCEUM COURSE— Tuesday, December 15th, Dr. H. W. Sears' lecture: "More Taffy and Less Epitaphy." Reserved seat sale, Dec. 14 and 15. Munson & Co. de6-10t

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FORECLOSURE SALE OF SAW MILL MACHINERY.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of mortgage made by Holly Shelter Land Company to Surry Parker, dated the 29th day of August, 1914, and duly registered in the records of New Hanover county in Book No. 81, at page 443, the undersigned will expose for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the saw mill or logging camp of the said Holly Shelter Land Company, at or near WOODSIDE Station, on the branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad from Wilmington to Newberne, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the 29th day of December, 1914, the following described personal property:

One steel transfer machine with double cylinders, 6½x8½, now 7½x12, complete with boiler and high steel frames, and all fixtures thereto belonging, or which may have been added thereto, now located at the logging camp of the said Holly Shelter Land Company, at or near the said Station of WOODSIDE.

Also: Two double cylinder, double drum logging machines, cylinders 6½x10, now used by the said Holly Shelter Land Company in its logging woods in Pender county, near the said WOODSIDE Station.

The sale of these machines will take place immediately after the sale of the transfer machine, and will be held on the railroad of the said Holly Shelter Land Company, where Machines may be located.

Bidders at the sale will be provided with transportation from the said logging camp to the place where the said machines may be located on the day of sale.

SURRY PARKER,
Mortgagee.

Dated at Wilmington, N. C., December 7th, 1914.

Posted at Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 7th, 1914.

Posted at Woodside, Pender County, N. C., Dec. 7th, 1914.

Advertised in Morning Star, beginning Dec. 8th, 1914. de8-1aw-4t

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUN-

ty of New Hanover:

By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

Dated and posted this 10th day of December, 1914.

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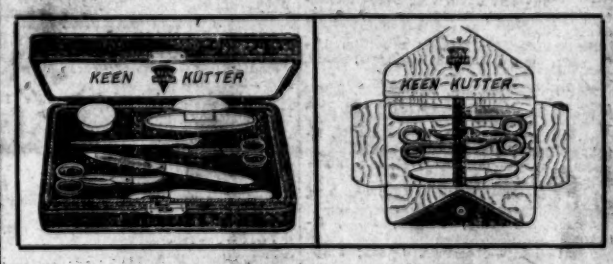

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